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ANTI-APARTHEID ICON DESMOND TUTU DIES

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa's revered anti-apartheid icon who won the Nobel Peace Prize for fighting racial segregation and discrimination enforced by the white minority government against the black majority in the country, died on Sunday. He was 90. President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that Tutu passed away in Cape Town early on Sunday. He was the last surviving South African laureate of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize | P11

Night curfew in Karnataka from Dec 28 to Jan 7

50% seating at hotels from Dec 30 to Jan 2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE night curfew will be imposed in Karnataka from 10 pm to 5 am, starting from December 28, 2021 to January 7, 2022 to stop the spread of Omicron variant of Coronavirus.

Also, only 50 per cent seating will be allowed at pubs, bars, restaurants, hotels and clubs from December 30 to January 2, while strictly adhering to Covid-appropriate behaviour. All staff members should compulsorily possess Covid-negative RT-PCR report and must be fully vaccinated with both doses of the Covid vaccine.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, other senior ministers, Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar, bureaucrats and members of the Covid Technical Advisory Committee on Sunday.

"At the meeting, preventive measures to combat Omicron, based on data from India and abroad, probable effects of this new variant, ramping up vaccination and preparedness were discussed. Around 3,191 ICU beds will be added to the existing 4,000-odd such beds in the state and the existing 30,000 oxygen beds will also be increased," said Sudhakar.

From December 28, the attendance at all gatherings, meetings, conferences and marriages should be limited to 300 people, said an order issued by the government. During these events, Covid-appropriate behaviour should be followed strictly and the responsibility falls on the event organisers.

There will be intensive patrolling and surveillance at all border districts adjoining Maharashtra and Kerala to prevent the spread of Covid, particularly the Omicron variant, in the state. The decision will be reviewed after 10 days of restrictions. MORE REPORTS: P3,10

RESTRICTIONS BACK

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PANEL SET UP TO LIFT ARMED FORCES ACT IN NAGALAND

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE process to lift the draconian Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Nagaland began on Sunday with the Centre constituting a committee to look into the matter. This newspaper had on Saturday broken the news about the Centre exploring options to withdraw it from the state.

The AFSPA has never been lifted even partially from Nagaland. It was first imposed in 1958 in the Naga Hills when it was part of Assam, and from 1963 when it became a full-fledged state. Nagaland has on several occasions demanded its removal but without success because the Centre, under Article 371A, has overriding powers on the imposition of the AFSPA in Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

It is in this context that the announcement to set up a committee to work out the modalities for the AFSPA's removal is significant. It signals a major shift in the Centre's position as it means that for the first time it has agreed to lift the hated law from Nagaland.

The committee will be headed by the Ministry of Home Affairs Additional Secretary-Northeast. It will have Nagaland Chief Secretary, Director-General of Police, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) and a representative of CRPF as members. The committee will submit its report within 45 days. The withdrawal of the Disturbed Area notification and AFSPA will be based on the recommendations of the committee, a Nagaland government statement said.

The decision to constitute the panel was taken during Union Home Minister Amit Shah's December 23 meeting with Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma, Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton and former chief minister TR Zeliang in New Delhi.

It comes against the backdrop of the killings of civilians by the Army in a botched ambush at Oting in Nagaland's Mon district on December 4. A Court of Enquiry would initiate disciplinary proceedings against the Army unit and personnel directly involved in the Oting incident and action would be taken after a "fair inquiry", the state government said. Those facing probe will be placed under suspension, it added.

Govt jobs to next of kin

Nagaland would provide government jobs to the next of kin of those killed in the botched ambush at Oting in Mon district. The Nagaland delegation urged Shah to replace the Assam Rifles unit stationed in Mon immediately

Hate crime against Christmas in Ambala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chandigarh, Guwahati

A torn down Jesus Christ statue at a church in Ambala Cantonment in Haryana on Saturday night was part of the spate of hate crimes targeting Christmas festivities across the country since Friday.

Around 1:30 am on Sunday, a statue of Jesus Christ at the entrance gate of the British-Era Holy Redeemer Church in Ambala Cantonment was torn down by two unidentified miscreants, sources said, adding the police have CCTV footage. "A case for hurting religious sentiments and house trespass has been registered," said Anil Kumar, Station House Officer, Ambala Cantonment Police Station. The Additional Superintendent of Police of Ambala, Pooja Dabla, said that a team is probing the act of vandalism.

At a church in Pataudi, Gurugram, Christmas Eve prayers and carols on Friday evening were disrupted by a group of right-wing activists shouting "Jai Shree Ram" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai". The activists pushed the choir off the stage, took hold of the mic and made people chant "Jai Shree Ram". CONTINUED ON: P10

CENTURION

KL Rahul hit his seventh Test century (122 batting) on Day 1 of the first Test against South Africa in Centurion as India were placed 272/3 at stumps | AFP | P13

NATIONWIDE	DEC 25	DEC 26	KARNATAKA	DEC 25	DEC 26
Fresh cases	7,189	6,987	Fresh cases	270	348
Recoveries	7,286	7,091	Recoveries	246	198
Deaths	387	162	Deaths	4	3

Egg, milk, banana up nutrition in children

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

WHILE there is a raging debate over providing eggs to school-going children in midday meals, the consumption of egg, milk and banana has improved the nutrition level of malnourished children from six months to six years enrolled in Anganwadis in five districts of the Kalyana Karnataka region, shows surveys conducted by the Women and Children Welfare Department in September and November.

Highly-placed sources from the Department told TNIE, "After coming to know that the nutritional level among children enrolled in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur and Koppal districts of Kalyana Karnataka region is low compared to other districts of Karnataka, the department conducted a survey in September to find out the number of normal children, children with moderate malnourishment and those with severe malnutrition in the age group of six months to six years in Anganwadis by weighing them." P7

ALMANAC TODAY
• Monday: 27/12/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayna • Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Margashira • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Ashtami 2.12 pm • Nakshatra: Hastha 12.56 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST Sunny

Sunrise 6.39 am
Sunset 6.01 pm
Moonrise 12.06 pm
Moonset 12.32 pm

File picture of people ushering in the New Year on MG Road

CCTVs to keep a watch on MG Rd

Bridage Road Shops Association not to hold New Year celebrations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BRIGADE Road and MG Road, which are usually prepped up with lights and decor to welcome the New Year, are seeing CCTVs, barricades and lines of policemen this time around. More than 100 CCTVs were installed at MG Road on Sunday. In addition, barricades and checkposts will be stationed at various areas around MG Road and Brigade Road. This follows an announcement by the Bengaluru City Police, highlighting that New Year's Eve celebrations will be banned on MG Road and Brigade Road amid concerns over the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

"We're currently conducting a survey to see what kind of measures can be taken to prevent people from coming the roads. We're planning to set up checkpoints and barricades to keep out unauthorised people, and once we get confirmation on the survey, we will start installing CCTV cameras," Police Commissioner Kamal Pant told TNIE.

The police had made the announcement that Brigade Road and MG Road would not see any kind of celebrations during New Year on Saturday, with a meeting being held between police officers to determine measures to be put in place. Members of the Brigade Road Shops and Establishments' Association also said they will not hold any celebrations on Brigade Road this year, during New Year's Eve.

Anchepalya row nears solution as road plan okayed

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A solution acceptable to both the residents of Anchepalya village, off Tumakuru Road, who had disrupted Metro work, and the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has been reached over the Nagasandra-Madavar Metro Line (Green Line extension). Numerous rounds of discussions by BMRCL resulted in the residents agreeing to two connecting roads from their area to a station here. The private land for one of the roads was approved this week.

The elevated 3-km Metro line will have three stations, Manjunath Nagar, Chikkabidrakallu (earlier Jindal Nagar) and Madavar (formerly BIEC). Anchepalya residents had demanded a realignment of the line for a Metro station closer to their area and often obstructed work.

General Manager, Land Acquisitions, MS Channappagoudar said, "Earlier this week, an agreement was arrived at between Prestige-Jindal group which is creating a layout here and BMRCL to permit a road to pass through its land to the village for a access to

BMRCL work under way between Nagasandra and Madavara

Chikkabidrakallu Metro station. A 12.5-foot road will be constructed from the north end of the station. We will not acquire the land, but a Perpetual Right of Way agreement will be entered into." There will be no land acquisition charges to be paid.

Another road from the south side again of 12.5-foot width will be built for which land belonging to Bangalore Development Authority will be used.

BIEC station contractor changed

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said a solution to the issue involving Anchepalya is in the advanced stage of settlement. On opening the line, he said, "We are targeting a September 2022 launch for the full stretch. Two stations would be ready by June next year. BIEC would take time as the station is yet to be built," he said. Due to delays in building the BIEC station, the contractor has been changed. "We are handing over the job from Simplex to IL&FS."

A Metro source said BMRCL is facing major issues in carrying out viaduct construction work on both sides of NICE Road. "This is delaying our work. We need to get requisite permission from Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise Ltd," he added.

STAFF SHORTAGE REASON FOR DELAY IN ROAD WORK: PALIKE

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the bad road situation was being discussed in the winter session of the Legislature and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had to defend the work of the government, officials at the city corporation found yet another excuse to delay the work, blaming it on shortage of staff.

According to BBMP officials, there is a 40-50 per cent staff crunch, which is why several projects are delayed. While experts and NGOs, who work with the BBMP, accept there is a staff crunch, they also question as to why staffers are not being hired on deputation to manage the requirement. They point out that many engineers and officials are awaiting postings, which can be filled to meet deadlines, especially for road work, lake and garbage management.

According to BBMP officials: "One engineer is managing four lakes or 3-4 wards. One health officer is managing 4-5 wards. One KAS or IAS officer is managing more than three posts and has to attend all the meetings called by government officials. With all this meeting deadlines, visiting all spots and undertaking new projects has become a challenge."

Experts admit that capacity-building is a challenge for the present cadre.

"Just like there are all-India civil services, we need to have a municipal cadre, where officials are given specialised training. To meet shortage, transfers are done, without understanding the expertise and skills they have," said Srinivas Alivilli, head, civic participation, Janaagraha.

IN THE DOCK

BBMP fines city mall for not following Covid-19 protocols

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THE BBMP has slapped a fine Rs 20,000 against Garuda Mall for allegedly not following proper Covid-19 protocols in screening visitors. BBMP officials had undertaken an inspection of various malls in Bengaluru to ensure that Covid guidelines were being followed according to a directive issued by Palike recently, which also highlighted the need for malls to ensure that visitors were double-vaccinated before entry. Garuda Mall has been slapped with the fine for failing to do so.

"We had conducted an inspection at Garuda Mall last week, where everything was being followed. But yesterday (Saturday), we found that they haven't been checking if visitors were double vaccinated. In addition, staffers at the outlets were not masked and social distancing guidelines were not followed," BBMP Chief Health Officer Dr Balasundar A S said.

He said that following the issuance of the directive, BBMP had organised a demonstration for the malls on how to check vaccine status. "The order had been given a few weeks ago, and the checking itself barely takes a minute per person, so there is no excuse for failure to check if the visitors are vaccinated or not," he said.

"This was the first incident, so we have fined them a small amount as a warning to other malls if the orders are not followed.

We plan on issuing much heavier fines in the future if malls are found not checking vaccination certificates, and ensuring if proper protocols are followed," he said.

Apart from Garuda Mall, Esteem Mall in Hebbal was also issued a warning as they had not been following the guidelines satisfactorily. "Proper checking wasn't done at the mall," Dr Balasundar said.

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Railway zone to take up upgrade of Cantonment station

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Cantonment railway station, which was to be re-developed by the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC), will now be given a major upgrade by the constructions division of the South Western Railway (SWR) Zone itself. This comes in the light of the winding down of the IRSDC.

Speaking to TNIE, SWR General Manager Sanjeev Kishore said that enhancing passenger amenities will be the priority. "We are conceptualising a detailed plan in consultation with other railway organisations, the State Government and other Bengaluru-based organisations. Providing more facilities to the public is our priority. The station will have two new platforms and better parking facilities and space for passengers," he said.

The rear entrance of Bengaluru Cantonment railway station

Cantonment has four platforms of which 1, 1A and 2 can accommodate full-length trains while Platform 1B is only for the smaller sized MEMU/DEMU trains. Another official said, "The addition of new platforms will ensure that more trains can be run from Cantonment as well as the soon-to-be-launched Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli."

A railway source said, "The major problem faced by passengers here is the acute shortage of parking space. People have to cross over from the bigger parking lot across the road to reach the station in the face of heavy traffic. The ticket booking area is really cramped and the concourse area at the main entry is small. The rear entry too is congested and the roads leading from it are quite narrow. We want to improve all these aspects."

The redevelopment will be a major challenge due to paucity of space. "Since we border the main road, the traffic police need to be roped in and road diversions need to be planned. Co-ordination with other projects like the exclusive Suburban Rail Terminal and the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project have to be done," the source said.

Despite being the oldest station in the City, it lacks vital facilities, putting passengers to hardship. "Passengers have to climb steep stairs to cross between Platform 1 and 2. We have often noticed the disabled, women and particularly senior citizens, find it difficult to cross between platforms." he added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th December: Mercury, the planet of cool, calculating logic, is within a deep, intense, emotional zone. This is bound to have an impact on the world situation - but how? Well, for a start, it might be a good idea if we all made a greater effort to see each other's point of view.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The moment you relax your grip on financial affairs, you'll run the risk of making losses. These may be minor (perhaps you will be overcharged for goods), but will nonetheless be easily avoidable. Partners are feeling the pinch, so offer tea and sympathy if they get irritable.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
This week's constructive atmosphere may mark a turning-point between two phases in personal aspirations. The transition may not always be smooth, but you'll handle your affairs with great care and understanding. And always remember - it's good to clear the air.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may feel as if you're caught between two opposing options, uncertain which is the best way to free yourself from an impasse. The answer lies in your own hands and it's absolutely necessary that you truly understand your deeper motivations. Once you know what you want, you can get it!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your friends and partners may now be under much more pressure than you, which makes for a change. Why not use this opportunity to help those in need and repay past favours? The general tone of the times, by the way, is lively and original, so no settling for the old and familiar. Try new options.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The point to grasp is that contrasts and contradictions between your personal and professional lives will always be with you, and that you can only do yourself good by dealing with awkward choices and facing hard facts. Partners should respond best if you are totally honest.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You are well-known for your sympathetic and compassionate qualities, and friends will be trooping to your door with problems for you to solve. Be your normal patient self. There do seem to be changes coming at work, so keep an eye out for interesting openings.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
All the signs point to the likelihood that you've just had, or are about to receive, a serious financial opportunity. In the final analysis, you know that only you are responsible for any losses or gains. The simple advice is to steer clear of strangers bearing false promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Recent events should have been good for your morale. Emotionally, you might be wondering just what has hit you, and why you have been singled out for such intriguing treatment. If there's too much to handle, then stay calm, don't panic and hang on to your secrets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's difficult to think of a more fascinating astrological pattern than that which will be affecting many people around you. It could be a little while longer before the old certainty returns. It could even be a few weeks, so keep your plans good and flexible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Friends have been sending out mixed messages, and while you're willing to trust that events will work out as planned, a degree of doubt is creeping in. After today, planetary pressures will continue to be tense, but that could be helpful if it stirs you out of a rut.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It would be an understatement to suggest that current stars are confused. But, then, sometimes it's good to have your options all mixed up. And even if you score the slightest success against overwhelming odds, you will deserve sincere congratulations. If you relish change, so much the better.

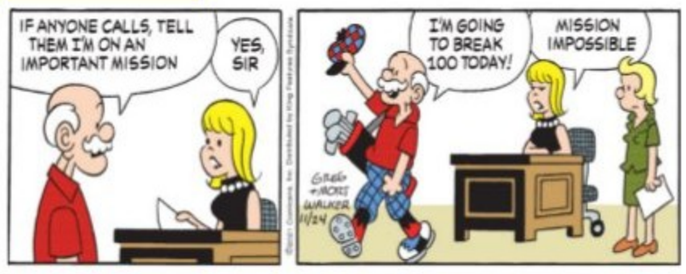
PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
This is a fine time to hold important discussions, not least because partners may at last be ready to see your point of view. The trouble is that family members tend to regard anything you say as a personal challenge. Help yourself by being polite, diplomatic and considerate.

THE PHANTOM

MY EYES AND EARS IN THE HIMALAYAS...
CHIEF CONSTABLE JAMPA OF THE MOUNTAIN CITY....
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM, OR THAT KIT'S MY SON. ONLY THAT I EXPECT AN OCCASIONAL REPORT ON KIT'S WELL-BEING, AND WILL PAY HANDSOMELY, FOUR TIMES A YEAR, TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S SWISS ACCOUNT.*
*11/3/2016, ED.
A POLICEMAN WITH A SWISS ACCOUNT?
MEN OF MYSTERY ALL, AREN'T YOU?

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY



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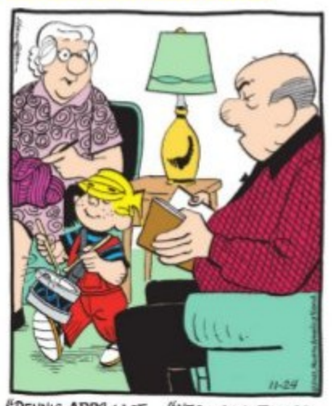
LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE



SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

	6		5					
		7	1		2	6	4	
3	2	9	4				1	
	4	6	3					1
				2				
7					4	9	2	
	7				1	3	9	2
	8	3	2		7	1		
					6		7	

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

2	3	9	4	8	7	6	1	5
6	5	4	1	9	3	7	8	2
1	8	7	5	6	2	4	9	3
4	7	6	9	2	8	5	3	1
9	1	5	3	7	4	2	6	8
3	2	8	6	5	1	9	7	4
8	6	1	7	4	5	3	2	9
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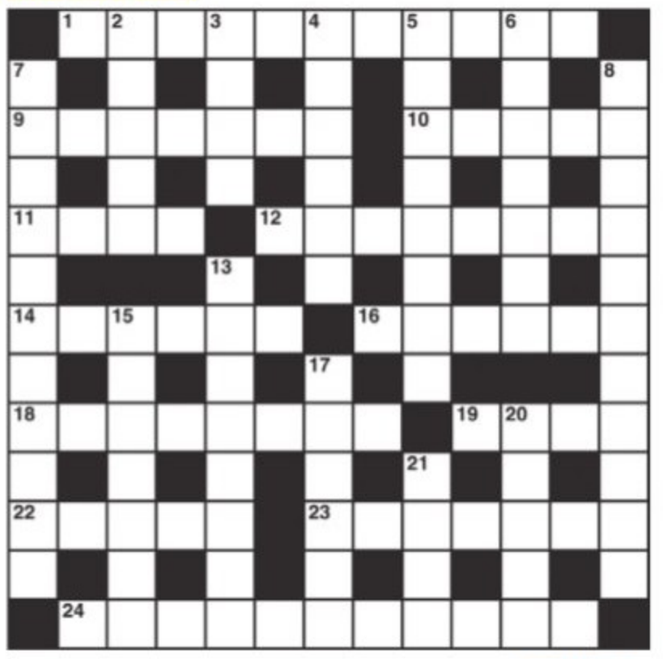
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Ably matched perhaps in Shakespearean role (4,7)
9 Denied a civil education (3-4)
10 Not above using two foreign articles (5)
11 It helps to make shoes wear well (4)
12 One metal fused into many (8)
14 Made a pile (6)
16 Where abroad you'll see us in a form of sari (6)
18 What scores of young people are in? (8)
19 A way I finish the wine (4)
22 Mother has a look round for the girl (5)
23 Hardy character (7)
24 Hailing distance? (6,5)

DOWN
2 Maps some mountains (5)
3 Measure up a cart (4)
4 Full of zeal for a new trend (6)
5 Bouquet I ordered - from this shop? (8)
6 Boring is due to be spruced up (7)
7 Hunting season problem for the easily bored? (7,4)
8 Provisional allowances for serving men (4,7)
13 Check the breakwater (8)
15 Report rewritten about one clown (7)
17 It comes between opposing sides (6)
20 Prepared to fight (3-2)
21 Small amount wrapped in foil (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Inform, 4 Idealist, 9 Streak, 10 Asperity, 12 Mule, 13 Women, 14 Plan, 17 Confidential, 20 Long-standing, 23 Aver, 24 Apron, 25 Faro, 28 Heraldry, 29 Dahlia, 30 Duettist, 31 Peewit.

Down: 1 Insomuch, 2 Farmland, 3 Rear, 5 Dissertation, 6 Axes, 7 Icicle, 8 Trying, 11 Foreign parts, 15 Pilot, 16 Maine, 18 Disallow, 19 Ignorant, 21 Lashed, 22 Decree, 26 Flat, 27 Care.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THICW
NXNOE
ROCIPT
TTMANU

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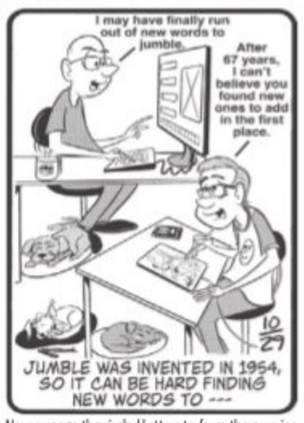
I may have finally run out of new words to jumble.
After 67 years, I can't believe you found new ones to add in the first place.
JUMBLE WAS INVENTED IN 1954, SO IT CAN BE HARD FINDING NEW WORDS TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
BEACH CAGEY PEOPLE CHANCE
ANSWER: Throughout history, treaties have helped toestablish stability — "PEACE" BY "PEACE"

Chennammanakere Achukattu police on Saturday arrested a Sudan national for peddling drugs and seized ecstasy pills worth Rs 10.4 lakh. The arrested, identified as Nafi Ibrahim Mareg Satoor, was caught red-handed when he had come to a college to sell drugs to students. During interrogation, Satoor confessed that he had collected drugs from other drug peddlers and wanted to sell it to make easy money

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 292 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **348** | Yesterday: **270**

TALLY
Today: **30,04,587**
Yesterday: **30,04,239**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **3**	Today: **195**
Yesterday: **4**	Yesterday: **246**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **7,418**
Yesterday: **7,271**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.36%**	Today: **1.27%**
Yesterday: **5.37%**	Yesterday: **1.27%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **98.47%** Yesterday: **98.48%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**248**
Bengaluru Rural	**1**
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	1
Belagavi	7
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	0
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	2
Chitradurga	2
Dakshina Kannada	8
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	6
Gadag	0
Hassan	8
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	18
Kolar	6
Koppal	0
Mandya	5
Mysuru	6
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	1
Tumakuru	11
Udupi	3
Uttara Kannada	11
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

Booster dose should be of same vax brand: Experts

Research shows crossover vaccines are more effective, but no local supportive data; State awaiting directions from the Centre

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

EXPERTS within Karnataka and outside say that in routine immunisation, booster doses are usually of the same vaccine brand as given earlier, unless availability is an issue. The same is being advised to the government for Covid-19 vaccination booster shots.

Karnataka on Sunday announced that it will be rolling out vaccine booster shots for healthcare workers, frontline workers, those above 60 years and people with comorbidities, on January 10. In addition to this, vaccination for children aged between 15 and 18 years will be launched on January 3. It is estimated that there are 43 lakh children eligible to take the vaccine in the state.

"We have shared with the government that generally, booster shots in immunisation are of the same brand as that given to the beneficiary earlier, as opposed to mixing. A majority of Indians have taken Covishield and the production and supply of Covaxin is much less. It may not suffice for all beneficiaries who have taken two doses of Covishield," said a doctor who is an adviser to the state government.

In addition to this, experts point out that Covaxin may be now diverted for the paediatric population. For vaccination against diseases such as typhoid and rabies, booster doses are of the same brand as administered earlier, as they have the same antigenic components, they said. The brand is usually changed due to unavailability, and if there is an existing risk.

Agreeing with this, Dr T Jacob John, retired professor and Head of the Department of Virology at Christian Medical College, Vellore, said there are a few studies and research which show that crossover vaccines show better results but we don't have any Indian data available on this. "Hence, it may be safe to use the same vaccine as used previously. However, if we have to crossover, then it would be better to use WHO-recommended vaccines only. Since Sputnik is not recommended by them, it would be ideal to use the safest vaccine, which is Covaxin. Those who have already taken Covishield, Covaxin and Sputnik, can opt for a Covaxin booster," said Dr John.

A member of the Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee said studies on using the same and different boosters are ongoing, and results are expected in a few weeks. Evidence available from abroad until now shows that both options have resulted in good immunogenic responses, the doctor said. Karnataka Health Commissioner Randeep D said the state is awaiting directions from the Centre on the combination of booster doses, and supply will be in line with the same.

'Centre must ensure Covaxin stocks'

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Sunday said the Centre should ensure large-scale availability of Covaxin if a mix-match policy is adopted for booster doses for healthcare workers, as a majority of people have taken Covishield as their first and second doses. In a letter thanking the Prime Minister for announcement of the precautionary booster dose of vaccination for healthcare workers, Dr J A Jayalal, National President, IMA, said, "If the policy of additional dose with mix-match policy is adopted, the government should ensure availability of Covaxin." Meanwhile, the letter also stated that vaccination process for children must be handled with much more care, and constant monitoring and surveillance must be ensured. "Government should seek cooperation of family doctors and paediatricians," the letter stated.

No scare yet, but more Covid cases in Manipal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

THOUGH not in a scale of creating fear, more number of positive Covid-19 cases are being reported from Manipal. As the district health authority has been conducting close to 5,000 tests per day, about 18 Covid-19 cases were reported from Manipal and around in the last one week. According to health department sources, about seven cases were from the MIT, Manipal campus.

Last week two students from MIT campus tested positive for Covid-19. Primary contacts of those two students were made to undergo Covid-19 testing and seven more students tested positive for Covid-19. According to health department source, 18 Covid-19 positive cases were reported from Manipal in the last one week. The health department officials have decided to conduct more Covid-19 tests in Manipal and MIT, Manipal campus has been declared as a micro containment zone. Udupi district surveillance officer Dr Nagarathna said that so far two Omicron cases have been reported in Udupi district, out of total samples sent for genome sequencing, 33 cases were found to be of Delta, she said.

Dr G S Chandrashekar, Medical Director of Adarsha Hospital, Udupi said that Omicron turns out to be a fast spreading virus with mostly mild symptoms "We need to continue to follow safety protocols and vaccination," he said.

TESTING TIMES

A healthcare worker collects swab samples of a woman at the KSRTC bus stand in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAMB N

BOOSTER DOSE FROM JAN 10

BENGALURU: The Covid-19 vaccine booster dose for healthcare and frontline workers, those above 60 years old and people with comorbidities will be launched on January 10. The Covid vaccination for those aged between 15 and 18 years will be launched on January 3. It is estimated that 43 lakh teenagers are eligible for the vaccine in the state. The state is waiting for guidelines from the Centre on vaccinating this section of the population. **ENS**

Day care centres for elders to be reopened

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

DAY care centres for senior citizens, which were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, may soon be reopened in districts across the state. The health department is seriously considering reopening these as the TAC has given the green signal and said it's been over a year and elders are requesting that the centres be reopened. Keeping in mind precautionary measures, the centres may be opened in taluks that have a weekly Test Positivity Rate of less than one per cent, the TAC said.

According to health officials, the pandemic had forced all day care centres in the state to be shut. The centres also provided refreshments to the elderly, taking care of their nutrition. But the pandemic had forced them to go back to their families.

"While some families took good care of them, many found it difficult to manage, and some even died due to lack of care. Reopening these centres will definitely help," said an official. TAC members reviewed the Covid-19 situation at a recent meeting, and found that the weekly Test Positivity Rate of the state stands at 0.3%, so they asked the health and family welfare department to reopen the centres in taluks with a weekly TPR of less than 1 per cent, keeping some conditions in mind.

It said that only those who are double dose vaccinated should be allowed and thermal scanning, screening for symptoms of cough, cold, difficulty in breathing etc, should be mandatorily checked at the entrance. If found with symptoms, they should immediately seek medical care. Compulsory wearing of face masks, use of sanitiser, maintaining physical distance and well-lit halls should be ensured.

Meanwhile, their meals have to be freshly cooked and served hot in disposable plates and spoons. Only hot water should be provided for drinking. Those with comorbidities like hypertension, diabetes, and others shall seek regular medical consultation and keep their condition under medical control.

However, the centres should immediately be closed if the weekly TPR goes above 2% in the taluks, as the attendees belong to high-risk category.

WON'T MODIFY NIGHT CURFEW ORDER, SAYS BOMMAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

EVEN as pub owners and hoteliers have expressed ire against the night curfew order by the state government, in the run-up to New Year celebrations, demanding that he reconsider the decision, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday clarified that there is no talk on reviewing or reconsidering the order.

Speaking to reporters during his visit to Mysuru on Sunday, Bommai ruled out reconsidering or modifying the decision to impose night curfew and curbs on New Year celebrations in the state.

"We have announced restrictions taking into consideration the Omicron situation in neighbouring states and rising cases in various countries," Bommai said.

On night curfew causing inconvenience, especially to hoteliers and pub owners, he said, "They were already informed about ban on parties and New Year curbs. It is important to take precautionary measures," he said.

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BBMP has slapped a fine Rs 20,000 on Garuda Mall for allegedly not following proper Covid-19 protocols. BBMP officials had undertaken an inspection of various malls in Bengaluru to ensure that Covid guidelines were being followed according to a directive issued by Palike recently, which also highlighted the need for malls to ensure that visitors were double-vaccinated before entry

Don't skip work on Dec 31, KSRTC staff told

Authorities do not expect disruption in services as ESMA will be in force for Karnataka bandh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN the backdrop of pro-Kannada organisations calling for a Karnataka bandh on December 31, seeking a ban on Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) and which has been supported by many transport workers' unions, transport authorities have warned the staff against absenting themselves from work to participate in the bandh.

Asked about 1.15 lakh transport employees taking part in the bandh, KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi Kalasad told *TNIE*, "We are an essential service and our employees know their responsibilities. We do not expect anyone to absent themselves to support the bandh. We will run the service without any hiccups on December 31. Our staffers have only extended moral support to the bandh."

The administration will ensure there are no absentees from Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, North West Karnataka Transport Corporation and North East Karnataka Transport Corporation, the sources said. "The authorities have warned the employees that their salaries would be cut if they take part in the strike. The Essential Services Maintenance Act specifies that services should not be affected," the sources added.

Activists led by Kannada Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj seek support for the proposed December 31 Karnataka bandh, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

Only those who are taking their weekly offs or those who have availed of long leave are exempt. The department is expected to initiate disciplinary action against those absenting themselves to participate in the bandh, the sources said.

The department is expected to issue a circular dissuading employees from absenting themselves on that day. With ESMA in force, the authorities do not expect any major disruption, the sources said.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

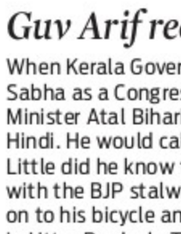
Guv Arif recalls statesman Vajpayee

When Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan entered the Lok Sabha as a Congress member at the age of 49, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was impressed with his chaste Hindi. He would call him 'miya' and offer chai and some charcha. Little did he know that in his youth, the 'miya' was so impressed with the BJP stalwart's public speaking skills, that he would hop on to his bicycle and ensure that he never missed his public rallies in Uttar Pradesh. This, and many more memorable anecdotes peppered Arif miya's lecture on the statesman, organised by the India Foundation on his birth anniversary. Almost as eloquent as his subject, the governor recalled that at the party's national executive meet in Hyderabad in the 1980s, a BJP volunteer, Sheik Iqbal Ahmed from Bahraich, did not serve food. Vajpayee noticed the bearded man keeping his distance, and insisted that Iqbal serve him food throughout the event, and gave an affectionate warning that otherwise, he would go hungry. But those were different leaders, and very different times...

MLA back in driver's seat, without licence

Honalli MLA and CM's political secretary M P Renukacharya, who was out of action due to his knee surgery, returned with a bang. As is his wont, he took the wheel of a KSRTC bus while inaugurating the new route -- Hosahalli, Huralehalli, Bagewadi, Lingapur and otherareas -- to help students of the taluk. This, despite getting a notice from the RTO for driving a KSRTC bus without a heavy vehicle driving licence. Renukacharya is certainly not one to give up his showmanship, rules be damned.

Clash of Congress titans fizzles out



When KPCC president D K Shivakumar tried to hold a meeting of party workers in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, leader of opposition Siddaramaiah got quite territorial, and even directly asked DKS to drop the idea as it would send a wrong signal to the party rank and file. DKS obliged and moved to Kodagu, covering Hassan, Mandya and finishing off in Tumakuru on Sunday, where local leaders put up pictures of both leaders, despite Siddaramaiah being absent. This friction sent frissons of glee in the BJP camp, with saffron leaders expecting a bigger clash closer to the 2023 assembly polls. Whether Shivakumar gives them this chance is still being debated. As one keen DKS observer remarked, Shivakumar appears to have undergone a metamorphosis after facing the hardships of Tihar Jail in an ED case, and is not ready to turn into the aggro alpha leader he once was -- neither to take on Siddu nor the hawkish rival party.

Black magic wand over Council poll

Our elected representatives seem to have a ready excuse for their failures: 'Black magic'. Minister S T Somashekhar, who was in Mysuru recently, was asked why the BJP candidate had lost in the council polls from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar constituency. While the minister first accepted the defeat of the BJP candidate, within no time he shifted the blame to 'black magic', alleging that some unexplained 'hair' and 'salt' had played a leading role in the party's loss, as voters were gripped by fear and did not vote for the candidate. This black magic was practiced by -- who else -- but the candidates of rival parties. Our MLAs care little for factors like hard work or popularity, or even that the Anti-Superstition Law is in force.

Amid leadership change talk, Nadda to attend BJP meet in Hubballi

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH BJP national president **JP Nadda** keen on attending the party's state executive committee and core committee meetings in Hubballi on Wednesday, he is expected to send out a clear message to the party's rank and file that the leadership in both the government and organisation will remain intact.

Earlier, only party national general secretary and Karnataka incharge Arun Singh was scheduled to officiate at the Hubballi meeting, but with murmurs of a change in leadership, Nadda's entry was necessitated, said sources. He will put a lid on speculation, though a complete overhaul of the party state leadership is expected in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly polls. The party central leadership also has to fight anti-incumbency and internal bickering.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah too is likely to hold another round of poll preparation session for party workers during his visit to Bengaluru on January 8 and 9.

Senior leaders, especially ministers KS Eshwarappa and Murugesh Nirani, who have been speaking out on the change in CM's post, are likely to be warned which would give a boost to Basavaraj Bommai, the sources said.

Leaders who acted against the interest of the party during the MLC polls will be dealt with in a phased manner. Also, those who are planning to leave the party ahead of the Assembly polls will be sacked, sources said.

The high command has taken note of the defeat suffered by party's official candidate Mahantesh Kavatagimath in the Belagavi Council dual seat after former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi's younger brother Lakhan contested and won, the sources said. At Hubballi, two resolutions are likely to be passed — one appreciating Bommai for focusing on the development of North Karnataka and the second for successfully conducting the Belagavi winter session. Amit Shah, who will be in Hyderabad, too may pay a surprise visit during the Hubballi meeting, the sources said.

Ramesh demands B'gavi dist in-charge minister's post

Belagavi: Former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is demanding the post of Belagavi district in-charge minister in exchange of his brother Lakhan, who won the Legislative Council election recently, joining BJP that will give a majority for the party in the Upper House, sources told TNIE. Ramesh is said to have sought an inquiry into the defeat of BJP official candidate Mahantesh Kavatagimath in the Council elections in Belagavi. He has alleged that a few leaders worked against the interest of the party and action should be taken against them. Sources said Lakhan met a few senior BJP leaders in Hubballi on Sunday. But he denied approaching BJP, and said he will first discuss it with his brothers Balachandra and Ramesh.

STRONG MESSAGE

BOMMAI CALLS ON YOUTH TO JOIN WAR AGAINST DRUGS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday called upon the youth to join hands with the government to eliminate the scourge of drugs. "Karnataka would be completely free from the menace of narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances with cooperation from the youth," he said. Bommai, who as Home Minister started the war against drugs, has been encouraging enforcement agencies to keep the battle going, although they have realised over a period of time that it is a bigger menace than they had first expected it to be.

Students at an anti-drug campaign in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

He was speaking after launching a campaign against narcotics. "Energy is another name for the youth," Bommai said, and called upon the youth to harness this energy to build a bright future. Bommai said he had instructed the police to install CCTV cameras around all important institutions and colleges. "CCTV cameras should be installed within college campuses and hostels too. Stringent action would be taken against those who sell drugs in and around college campuses, and those who use these drugs."

Karnataka tops the country in the quantity of drugs seized. "We will wage a relentless war against drugs. Some unscrupulous persons of foreign origin staying in Bengaluru were found to be engaged in drug peddling. Stringent action is being taken against them. The Dark Web has been penetrated for the first time in Karnataka. Drug supply from abroad is being prevented," Bommai said.

Hindus should focus on reconversions: Tejasvi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

MP and BJP Yuva Morcha national president **Tejasvi Surya** late on Saturday evening said that Hindus should understand that mere stopping conversion is not the way forward, but reconverting those who have left the Hindu fold should be the dictum.

Expressing his rightist views at 'Vishwarpanam', a valedictory event held at Sri Krishna Mutt , he said, "Hindus must have the political power with them. The numerical strength decides the political power in a democracy. Demography decides the destiny in a democracy. Only option left for the Hindus is to reconvert those who have gone out of the Hindu fold. Every temple and mutt in the state should set a year-wise target to take up reconversions."

Claiming it to be a fact of history, he said, "The invasion of Islam from the North was first successfully tackled by rulers of Vijayanagara Empire in Karnataka. They sent the 'Mleccha' or the foreign barbaric forces back. There cannot be a Hindu without Hindutva, which preaches the people to revolt against any assault on their religion." Earlier during an interaction with some intellectuals, he claimed that the ancestors of present day Christians and Muslims were forcibly converted from Hinduism. "The Constitution begins with 'India that is Bharath'. If India has to retain its essence, it has to be a Hindu majority nation," he added.

Mekedatu yatra must be like farmer stir: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar, who is taking out a padayatra for the implementation of the Mekedatu reservoir project across Cauvery, gave a call to party workers to put up a united front to bring Congress to power after the 2023 Assembly elections.

Addressing a Congress workers' meeting here, he said the Mekedatu struggle will be like the farmers' protest along the Delhi borders which resulted in the Union government buckling under pressure and repealing the three controversial farm laws. "NDA has 400 MPs, but the farmers' struggle proved that it is more powerful than the government," he added.

On the recent MLC polls, he said, "The people of Karnataka have voted for the Congress. It is the only party that can protect the state and country. We will return to power in 2023 and nominate Congress workers to boards and corporations," he said in an attempt to motivate party workers. On Sunday, Shivakumar completed his first leg tour of the old Mysuru region which he had kicked off from Talacauvery, the birthplace of Cauvery in Kodagu. He also met the head of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swami. He released a logo of the party's Mekedatu struggle with the slogan 'Namma nela namma jala' (our land, our water).

EXPRESS READ

Modi skips Parliament, attends campaign: Kharge

KALABURAGI: Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for skipping Parliament proceedings. "He attended the proceedings only on the first and last day. Most of the time he was busy with party work and was campaigning for UP elections. Parliament is paramount in democracy as policy decisions are taken there after discussions. It is the forum where MPs draw the attention of the Union Government about the problems faced by people and redress them," he said. Kharge said he has seen many prime ministers and Modi is the first PM who remains absent most of the time in the Parliament. "It will send out a wrong message. He also converts government programmes into party programmes," he rued. **ENS**

Directorate to increase farmers' income: CM

ENS @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday reiterated that his government was committed to protecting the interest of farmers and also empower them economically. Speaking at a convention organised by Karnataka Farmers' Union and Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers' Association as part of National Farmers' Day, Bommai said that the government was mulling to set up a directorate of farmers to increase their income.

Bommai said successive governments have been focusing towards food production but have not focused on economic development of farmers. He said those selling food products make profit, while the producer (farmer) incurs loss. "Life of a farmer is always uncertain and we want to stabilise this. We are committed to empowering farmers," he said.

He said that in view of drop in the enrolment of girl students into schools in rural areas, the government is mulling extending the Raitha Vidya Nidhi scheme even to high school girl students and said that by March, the government has plans to take the scheme to at least 5 lakh students.

Bommai promised that the state-owned MySugar will soon be operational and assured that a report will sought on issues concerning Fair and Remunerative Price and a decision will be taken. Farmer leader and president of Karantaka Sugarcane Growers' Association Kurubur Shanthakumar was felicitated.

Grama Swarajya is possible with 'Produce Local, Buy Local, Sell Local' mantra

LOOKING AHEAD 2022 LOOKING BACK

FOREIGN kings, who saw a great amount of wealth in India, plundered this wealth, starting from the 12th century until India got Independence in 1947. How did the Indian region accumulate so much wealth? Did Indian kings invade other countries? No, the answer is simple, Sustainable Agriculture Practices!

The distinguished British economist Lt Angus Maddison, who has written about the world economy, writes that India's GDP was in first place from the 1st century to 1750AD -- that's about 1,750 years. All thanks to our ancestral sustainable organic (natural) farming practices.

After the British left India, Indian agricultural universities taught Western agriculture practices such as monocropping, the usage of pesticides and chemical fertilisers, etc.

Today, Indian farmers are in distress, and as the days go by, they are becoming poorer and some farmers have even committed suicide due to a massive amount of debt. Farmer communities are in a continuous struggle with governments, and government representatives are clueless on how to handle the crisis. Expert advisers who have practiced agriculture over the internet, advise the government on possible solutions like doubling the price, Minimum Support Price (MSPs) etc. None of these will solve the farmer crisis until we carefully understand the scenario deep in the villages of India.

MADHU CHANDAN SC
Farmer and Founder, Organic Mandya

Around 3,500 people live in my village (Sunagahally, Mandya, Karnataka). Collectively, our farmers hold about 1,000-1,500 acres of land in the village, the average holding per individual is about one-third of an acre. While 70%-75% of the land is utilised for sugarcane, 15%-20% is used for paddy and the remaining is used for ragi, coconuts and bananas.

Our village consumes about 70-90 types of pulses, cereals, greens, vegetables, spices and fruits; 95%-99% of the consumables are not produced within the village, only a small portion is produced here. The irony is that even the small produce like ragi, bananas, coconuts or rice is not directly sold within the village. The agents buy their produce or the farmers sell them in the local mandi, which is far from the village. The same products come back to the village kirana stores and the villagers buy from the kirana stores. Imagine the additional costs added because of the middlemen and the logistics, isn't it stupidity?

Our farmers struggle to find markets and the best price, they produce single crops at once and try to find a market outside the villages. It's a simple fact that the village itself needs 70-90 types of products in a staggered manner. The government should permit the formation of multi-produce Farmer Produce Organisations (FPOs) -- today, single-produce FPOs are permissible but not multi-produce FPOs. Farmers of the village should form a multi-produce Farmer Produce Organisation, assess the consumption patterns of the village and the required intervals. Accordingly, they should come up with a comprehensive annual plan and distribute the production loads among themselves.

As I said earlier, farmers in my village hold about 1,000-1,500 acres of land. If our farmers produce 90% of what the village consumes, they won't be able to sell the produce to outside markets or agents. 'Produce Local, Buy Local and Sell Local', this should be the mantra and governments should start focusing on these models rather than fighting with farmers on an ongoing basis. This is true Grama Swarajya, Mahatma Gandhi, for once after his death, will be happy if this is implemented.

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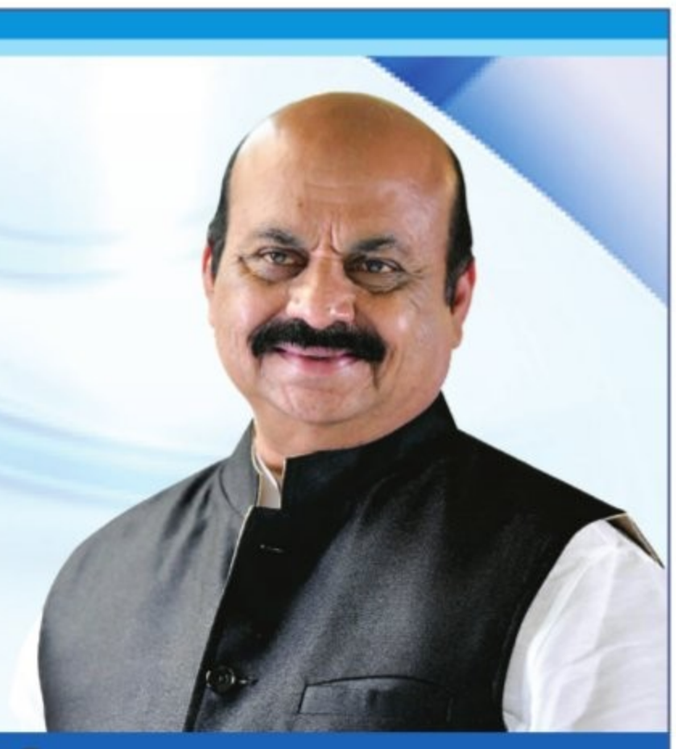
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Revenue Department

Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

&

District Administration, Bengaluru Urban District,



Distribution of compensation to the families of Covid 19 victims

Date : 27-12-2021, Monday 11.30AM

Venue : National College Grounds, KR Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru

Compensation of Rs 50,000/- each to the families of Covid Victims from the SDRF fund through DBT. and **An additional compensation of Rs 1 lakh from State Government to each BPL family of Covid Vicitim**

Inauguration

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Lighting the Lamp

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India

Shri M. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India

In the august Presence

Sri R. Ashoka
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, Govt. of Karnataka

Presided by

Sri Uday B. Garudachar
Hon'ble MLA, Chickpet, Assembly Constituency

Chief Guests

Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayana
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT-BT and S&T, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of Karnataka

Dr. K. Sudhakar
Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education Govt. of Karnataka

Shri S.T. Somashekar
Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Govt. of Karnataka

Shri Munirathna
Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture and Planning & Statistics, Govt. of Karnataka

Shri S.R. Vishwanath
Hon'ble Chairman
Bangalore Development Authority
MLA, Yelahanka Assembly Constituency

Shri L.S. Tejasvi Surya
Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Bengaluru South Parliamentary Constituency

Sri V. Somanna
Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Infrastructure Development Govt. of Karnataka

Shri B.A. Basavaraju
Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development Govt. of Karnataka

Shri K. Gopalaiah
Hon'ble Minister for Excise Govt. of Karnataka

Shri N. Nagaraj (M.T.B.)
Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Small Scale Industries, Govt. of Karnataka

Shri M. Krishnappa
Hon'ble Chairman
Vokkaligara Development Board and MLA, Bengaluru South Assembly Constituency

Shri Satish Reddy. M.
Hon'ble Government Chief Whip of Legislative Assembly

Sri M. Narayanaswamy
Hon'ble Opposition Chief Whip of Legislative Council

SPECIAL INVITEES

Hon'ble MPs/MLAs/MLCs and elected representatives local bodies of Bengaluru urban district

Shri R. Ashoka, Hon'ble Revenue Minister handing over relief cheque to the families of Covid-19 Victims

Disbursement of Compensation in a nutshell

- A total number of 25,577 applications received in the state for the compensation. Compensation of **Rs 50,000/- each from the SDRF fund being paid through DBT** to 23,733 beneficiary families including 7,362 families from Bengaluru urban dist. and BBMP limits.
- The State Government has declared an additional compensation of Rs 1 lakh each to BPL families and 13,020 Applications recieved for the same. Compensation is being paid to **12,276 beneficiary families including** 2,340 from Bengaluru urban dist. and BBMP limits.
- Eligible families may submit their applications in the prescribed format along with the necessary documents at their jurisdictional Nada Kacheri at Hobli Level, Taluk Office, Gram Panchayath, Bapuji Seva Kendra and BBMP Ward Office, free of cost with the help of office staff.
- Prescribed application form can be downloaded from the **website https://dssp.karnataka.gov.in/dssp or from the above mention offices**
- Incase of any grievances related to claim of covid relief or ascertaining of covid death, applicants may submit a written grievance to the Additional Deputy Commissioner at their jurisdiction/ Committee headed by Joint Commissioner of BBMP in BBMP limits.

- **An amount of Rs 400 crore earmarked for compensation distribution.**
- **Rs 378 crore released to BBMP and all the Deputy Commissioners for this purpose.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSION SCHEMES

- Monthly pension facilities to a total number of 69.82 lakh beneficiaries under various social security schemes in the State..
- Annual expenditure of Rs 7,800 crore for disbursement of pensions.
- Enhancement of monthly pension from Rs 1000/- to 1200/- w.e.f from 01-08-2021 under Sandhya Suraksha scheme and old age pension scheme [beneficiaries over 65 years of age]. Benefit to **36.94 lakh beneficiaries.**
- Enhancement of monthly pension from **Rs 600/- to 800/-** w.e.f from 01-08-2021 for widows and physically disabled [disability between 40% -74%]. Benefit to **21 lakh beneficiaries.**
- Enhancement of pension from Rs. 1400/- to 2000/- for mentally retarded disability of over 75%. **Benefit to approximately 1 lakh beneficiaries.**

One time payment of exgratia amount of Rs 1000 to 13.98 lakh beneficiaries through DBT during Covid pandemic under the Central Government sponsored NSAP scheme

Wear mask · 2 meters distance from others · Sanitize hands frequently · Get a self-induced vaccine

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Karnataka Information
Department of Information and Public Relations

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that, my client is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the schedule property, having acquired title to the same by virtue of a registered Sale Deed dated 02.02.2012, which has been registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore as document No.GAN-1-02595/2011-12, Book No.1, stored in CD No.GAND133, dated 02.02.2012, executed by Mr.M.I.Vijaya Simha S/o Mr.M.I.Srinivasa Iyengar, Unit-50, N-649, Drummond Street, Carlton North, Victoria -3054, Australia. Rep. by his GPA Holder (GPA dated 05.05.2008 executed in the presence of Anil Kumar Gupta, Consul, Consulate General of India, Melbourne, which is duly stamped and adjudicated before the Registrar of Firms and Societies, Rajajinagar registration district, Bangalore, vide No.30/2008-09, Treasury challan bearing No.0609555, dated 13.05.2008) cum father Mr.M.I.Srinivasa Iyengar S/o Mr.M.I.S.N. Iyengar, #1241, 4th Main, 'E' Block, II Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.

My client being the absolute owner of the schedule property as acquired above, is intending to sell the same to the prospective purchaser for value. Any persons having any claims, right, title, interest, objections of whatsoever either towards schedule property or to the said transaction, then they can file their objections along with all necessary documents to the under mentioned within 10 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, it is deemed that there is no objections of whatsoever from anyone in respect of the schedule property and towards its transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No.136, Municipal New No.14, measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1350 Sq. feet, situated at 4th Cross, Sundar Nagar, Purnapura Village, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, bearing BBMP property No.14, PID No.2-109-14, 5th Main Road, Sundar Nagar, Purnapura, Ward No.17, Yashwanthpura Range, Bangalore, consisting of ground and first floor and bounded on:

East by : Site bearing No.149,
West by : 25 feet Road,
North by: Site bearing No.135,
South by : Site bearing No.137.

A. VISHWANATHA, Advocate,
Koorlappa Complex, Kogilu Main Road,
Maruthinagar, Yelahanka,
Bangalore - 560 064. Mob: 9880295744.
Bangalore Date: 26.12.2021

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.

Malleswaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya , 1st Floor, 1st A Cross , 2nd Main , 150 Feet Ring Road, Nandhini Layout, 2nd Block, Opposite to RajKumar Smarak / Nr Kanteerva studio, Bangalore :- 560096.

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	**(Appl No.V0117789 & V0124791 Malleswaram Branch) Sumit Dasguptha** (Borrower) **Jayasheela Das Gupta** (Co-Borrower)	Sy No.16/2, BBMP Khata No.1487/16/2, Flat No.113, First Floor, Sumukha Pride, 1st Main, Ganga Parameshwarinagar, Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560076, Karnataka. Bounded on : **East by :** Entrance, **West by :** Flat No.112, **North by :** Set Back and **South by :** Duct open to sky.	11-07-2019 ₹ 23,63,713.00 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Only.) & ₹ 3,70,018.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Thousand Eighteen Only.)	21-12-2021

Place : Malleswaram
Date : 25.12.2021

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHANDRAKUMAR, aged about 41 years, S/o. Rajanna resident of No.60, Sanjeevini 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Prakruthi Nagara, Byadarahalli, Bangalore North, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name to **R. CHANDRA KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 24-12-2021 sworn before notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore

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RO: N.G. 12 & 13 Ground Floor, North Block, Manipal Centre, Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. CIN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED on 04.01.2022 at 10:00 am at NO 12/13, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK, MANIPAL CENTRE, DICKENSON ROAD, KARNATAKA, 560042. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.

Loan Nos: KORAMANGALA (BAK) -1898176, 1882670, 1890964, 1891007, 1896810. M G ROAD (BAN - 1860765, 1882660

For more details, please contact : **Mr. PRAVEEN - 7994851636**

(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

Phoenix ARC Private Limited

Regd. Office : Dani Corporate Park, 5th Floor, 158, C.S.T Road, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai -400 098, Tel : 022-68492450, Fax : 022- 67412313 CIN:U67190MH2007PTC168303
Email:info@phoenixarc.co.in, Website:www.phoenixarc.co.in https://phoenixarc.co.in?p=1334

ONLINE E- AUCTION SALE OF ASSETS

In exercise of the powers under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short referred to as SARFAESI Act) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (in short referred to as RULES) and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the borrower mentioned hereunder vested with the Authorised Officer under the said SARFAESI Act and RULES for recovery of the secured debts, the Authorised Officer has decided to sell the secured asset by auction sale. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower and guarantors in particular, that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Phoenix ARC Private Limited acting in capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust FY 17-6 (Phoenix) (pursuant to assignment of debt by South Indian Bank in favour of Phoenix vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.12.2016) **will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" basis & "AS IS WHAT IS" condition, by way of "online e-auction"** for recovery of dues and further interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below **in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act read with Rules 6, 7, 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) through website https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

Name of the Borrower	**M/s. Jai Shree Krishna Steel Works Private Ltd.** Mr. Mahesh Askarandas, Mr. Kunal Mahesh, Mr. P. N. Prasad, Mrs. Lakshmi Prasad
Name of the Personal Guarantors	**Mr. Mahesh Askarandas, Mr. Kunal Mahesh Mr. P. N. Prasad, Mrs. Lakshmi Prasad**
Amount due	**Rs.45,61,91,151.34/- (Rupees Forty-Five Crores Sixty-One Lakhs Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One And Paise Thirty-Four Only) as on 30.09.2013** with further interest from 01.10.2013 till the date of repayment of dues in full together with incidental expenses, costs and charges as per the Demand Notice dated 09.10.2013 issued under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002
Possession taken under SARFAESI Act, 2002 for Item I and Item II	**Physical Possession taken on 24.07.2018**
Date and Time of Inspection	**13.01.2022 (Thursday) between 11.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.**
Date of submission of Bid (E- Auction)	**31.01.2022 (Monday) before 4.30 P.M.**
Earnest Money Deposit	**EMD Amount to be deposited by way of RTGS Favouring "PHOENIX TRUST FY17-6", Current Account: 0112602543; CRN No. 201973263; Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, Branch: Kalina, Mumbai, IFSC Code: KKBK0000631.** **Item I: EMD amount: Rs.1,31,40,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-One Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)** **Item II: EMD amount: Rs. 2,83,30,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty-Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**
Reserve Price	**Item I: Rs. 13,14,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Crores Fourteen Lakhs Only)** **Item II: Rs. 28,33,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Eight Crores Thirty-Three Lakhs Only)**
Bid Increment	**For Item I: Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees Lakhs Only)** **For Item II: Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only)**
Date & Time of E-Auction	**01.02.2022 (Tuesday) between 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon**
Mode of E- Auction	**Online - e auction**
Description of the Secured Assets being auctioned.	**Item I –** Land & Building - All the piece and parcel of 28677 Sq. Mtrs of Industrial Plot bearing No. 565/A formed in Sy. No. 69-P, 70-P, 71-P, 74-P, 83-P, and 88-P, situated in Hassan Growth Industrial Area within the limits of Samudravalli Village, Shanigrama Hobli, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District, in the name of M/s. Jai Shree Krishna steel Works (P) Ltd., Under the lease cum safe Agreement No. 8891/09-10 dated 18.03.2010 allotted by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board and **bounded as under:** On or towards East: By Plot No. 565-P & 566-P, On or towards South: By Plot No. 565-B,On or towards West: By KIADB Road No.12, On or towards North: By Road No.1 **Item II –** List of Plant and Machinery (Movable) – As listed herein in Annexure A

Terms and Conditions of E- Auction

1. The auction sale is being conducted by the Authorised Officer under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through e-auction mode. Auction/Bidding shall be only through **"Online Electronic Mode"** through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com. M/s C1 India Private Limited** is the service provider to arrange platform for e-auction.
2. The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of Phoenix also at **https://phoenixarc.co.in?p=1334** and website of the service provider, **www.bankeauctions.com** for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for auction / obtaining the bid form.
3. The bidders may participate in the e-auction quoting/bidding from their own offices/place of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be arranged by each bidder himself/itself. The Authorised Officer/Phoenix/service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
4. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective **bidders may contact Mr. Hareesh Gowda of M/s C 1 India Private Limited, Contact Number: 91-124-4302020/2021/2022/2023/2024, 91-9594597555/07291981124/25/26, email id: support@bankeauctions.com**
5. The e-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured assets mentioned above **will be sold on "as is where is" basis & "as is what it is" condition.**
6. All the intending purchasers/bidders are required to register their name in the portal mentioned above as **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and get user ID and password free of cost to participate in the e-auction on the date and time aforesaid.
7. For participating in the e-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10% of the reserve price of the secured asset along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof **on or before 31.01.2022 (Monday) before 4.30 P.M.** Intending purchasers/bidders are required to submit separate EMDs for each of the Items detailed herein above.
8. The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25% (inclusive of EMD) of his/her/its offer for each Item by way of RTGS to the account mentioned herein above **on or before 18:30 hours on 02.02.2022 (Wednesday)** i.e., the next day of e-auction, which deposit will have to confirmed by Phoenix, failing which the sale will be deemed to have been failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited.
9. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the e-auction will be refunded by Phoenix within 72 hours of the closure of the e-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
10. The balance amount of purchase consideration shall be payable by the successful purchaser/bidder on or before the fifteenth day from the date of confirmation of sale of the said secured asset by the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing by the Authorised Officer at his/her discretion. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be liable to be forfeited.
11. For inspection of property or more information, the prospective **bidders may contact Amit Masekar/Ajit Kewin, at abovementioned address or at amit.masekar@phoenixarc.co.in / ajit.kewin@phoenixarc.co.in (email) or on 09769497286 / 09619866780 (Mob).**
12. It shall be the sole responsibility of the intending bidders to inspect, verify and satisfy themselves about the secured asset encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the secured assets, including the statutory dues and specifications before submitting the bid.
13. The particulars specified in the auction notice published in the newspapers have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned; however, undersigned shall not be responsible / liable for any error, misstatement or omission.
14. At any stage of the auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
15. In the event, the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, Phoenix has the right to sell the secured asset by any methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and SARFAESI Act, 2002.
16. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
17. The payment of all statutory/non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc. owing to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder only.
18. The successful purchaser/bidder shall be solely responsible for any cost / expenses / fees / charges / transfer premium etc. payable to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board towards the transfer of the rights in its / his / her favour.
19. The borrower/guarantors/owners/mortgagors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned auction sale.

Sd/-
Place: Hassan **Authorised Officer**
Date : 27.12.2021 **Phoenix ARC Private Limited, Phoenix Trust FY 17-6**

ANNEXURE A - LIST OF MACHINERIES

Sr.No	Description	Particulars / Qty
1	Sub Station 2x5 MVA Installation 66kV/11kV by KPTCL as per Estimate dt 15.05.2012 including Structures, Towers upto terminal(including escalation in 6 years)	2 x 5 MVA
2	Electrical Transformer Kirloskar Electric Co, 3500kVA, 2011,	8640 kg
3	Diesel Generator Powerica, 250kVA with Accoustic enclosure	1
4	Preheating Furnace, 15'6"x86' with (3+2+4) = 9 burners on front and 2 sides, refractory brick lining, with billet ejector, billet pusher assy, Radicon gearbox, KEC 45kW, 950rpm motor, Blower Continental Thermax Engineers,Chennai 60hp, 2900rpm, Chimney 1.2M dia, 30 M high,	1
5	Oil Storage Tank with heaters 2.5 x 1.8 x 2	NA
6	Spares : Rollers, Cast steel, groved plain, roughting, couplings, CI guidese, spindles, housing bearings	NA
7	Cables : 4 core armound 150,100 sqmm, 3 crore lighting	NA
8	Machine Shop : Center turning lathe, 12', 9' 6', Shaper 24", radial Drilling machine 32 mm - Quality Machine Tools	4
9	Electrical Control Panels - Sharon Controls Bangalore,	NA
10	TMT Pump panel - 1 no	1
11	Motor Control Panel - 1 no	1
12	Main Panel 1 & 2 - 2 nos	2
13	Water pump panel	1
14	Panel Room 11' 6 " x 61'	1
15	Tail Breaker 1 + 2 - 45 kw	3
16	Pinch roll	1
17	Flying shear - 180 kw	1
18	Castamar	1
19	Stand 1,2,3,4,5 - 250 kw	5
20	EOT cranes : Ankit Equipment Pvt Ltd Bangalore - 5 tonnes 2011, 17m + 21M	2
21	Roughing Mill 16" — drive KEC 930kW, 741rpm, flywheel, Reduction gear box, Pinion stand 1x3, 7pass	NA
22	End cutting machine — front and rear	2 nos.
23	Mil 12" — 4 stand, drive KEC 450kW, 591rpm, flywheel, Reduction gear box, Pinion stand	NA
24	Intermediate Mill 11" AREW Delhi — DC Integrated Electric Motor, Blore, 300kW,750rpm, 9/2011	NA
25	Intermediate Mill 12" AREW Delhi- 4 Nos. — DC Integrated Electric Motor, Blore, 250kW,1500rpm, 9/2011	NA
26	Pinch roll Thermax TMT, cooling- 2 Nos — DC Integrated Electric Motor, Blore, 45kW,1500rpm,	NA
27	Flying Cutter AREW — DC Integrated Electric Motor, Blore, 180kW, 500rpm,	NA
28	Water pump HP — Bharath Bijlee, Motor 75kW, Kirloskar Pump 100/125 dia, 1500rpm,	NA
29	Pinch Rolls, — DC Integrated Electric Motor, Blore, 45kW,1500rpm,	NA
30	Cooling Bed 72M x 5.2M — MS channels, on framework	NA
31	Shearing machine and roller drives below cooling bed	NA
32	Cast Iron valves	NA
33	Fiber bearings	NA
34	Mobile Crane ACE Simpson engine — 12T/2.2, KA13N785	1
35	TJK machines China — Decoiler big 6-16 mmDecoiler big 6-16 mm	NA
36	Decoiler small 5-10, 5-13 mm	NA
37	Shearing machine	NA
38	Bending machine	NA
39	Binding machine	NA
40	Bunching machine - 3 nos	GW 42D4
41	Control panel with Philips monitor	NA
42	Office equipment	NA

Kerala Congress chief K Sudhakaran has warned senior leader and MP Shashi Tharoor of action if he doesn't go with the party's stand on the K-Rail (SilverLine) issue. Sudhakaran said if Tharoor could not accept the party's stand on this issue, he could not remain in the party

Popular majority has its limits: CJI

Says concept of separation of powers cannot be applied to restrict scope of judicial review

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A popular majority is not a defence for arbitrary actions taken by a government, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana said here on Sunday.

"Every action is mandatorily required to comply with the Constitution. If the judiciary does not have the power of judicial review, then the functioning of democracy in this country would be unthinkable," he said while delivering Sri Lavu Venkateswarlu 5th Endowment Lecture at Siddhartha College.

The concept of separation of powers cannot be applied to restrict judicial review, he said. "This concept only protects bona fide and legitimate actions. It is required that the legislative and executive wings recognise their limits under the Constitution to ensure smooth working of democracy."

Farmers give a rousing welcome to Chief Justice of India N V Ramana on High Court Road in Amaravati, Guntur district, on Sunday | P RAVINDRA BABU

Claiming that judicial review is often branded as judicial overreach, he said such generalisations are misguided. The Constitution created three co-equal organs — the legislature, the executive and the Judiciary. The judiciary was given the role of reviewing the legality of steps taken by the other two organs, he explained.

Defending the collegium system, Justice Ramana said it is nowadays fashionable to claim judges are themselves appointing judges.

"I consider this to be one of the widely propagated myths," he said, explaining the judiciary is just one layer in the selection process. "The well-informed also propagate that notion. After all, this narrative suits certain sections," the CJI quipped.

He also criticised media campaigns against judges if parties don't get a favourable order. "These attacks appear to be sponsored and synchronised."

I don't want to become a minister or Deputy CM, says Udhayanidhi Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Coimbatore

AMID calls from party leaders for Udhayanidhi Stalin to be given a Cabinet berth, the DMK Youth Wing chief and Chepauk-Triplicane MLA on Sunday said he did not want to become a minister or deputy Chief Minister. "I would rather act as a bridge between the cadre and the Chief Minister (his father)," he said at the party's new membership inaugural event in Coimbatore.

Stressing that he wanted to support CM MK Stalin, he claimed the DMK would have sweeping victory in the urban local body election.

"After I assumed the post of youth wing secretary, I travelled across Tamil Nadu and recruited 24 lakh new members to the party. Our leader has now asked us to recruit 2 crore new members into the party," he said.

Noting that, despite the good response to his campaign efforts, Coimbatore had disappointed him in the recent Assembly elections in the party came a cropper, he said "Lack of party unity in Coimbatore was also a reason for our setbacks in the Assembly election. The party will take action against those who functioned against the party."

Addressing a general meeting at Codissia later, Udhayanidhi said he would stay and work for 10 days in Coimbatore, if the people of Coimbatore gave the DMK a rousing victory in the upcoming urban local body election.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Koppal district has most malnourished kids in K'taka

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THE survey was repeated in the last week of November and it revealed considerable improvement among children. Though there was an improvement in all categories of nutrition levels (normal, moderate underweight and severe malnourished) in all the districts of the state, it was still low in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Ballari districts of KK region.

The number of moderately malnourished children which was 32,300 (7.65 per cent) in September fell to 30,3784 (7.14 per cent) in November. While in the case of severely malnourished children, the fall is from 8,028 (0.19 per cent) to 6,874 (0.16 per cent). But the number of moderately underweight and severely underweight children continues to be high in five out of six districts of Kalyana Karnataka region as compared to other districts, the sources said.

While the state average for moderately malnourished children is 7.14 per cent, in six districts of Kalyana Karnataka, it is 12.2 per cent. The state average of severely malnourished children is 0.16 per cent (6,874 children), while in Kalyana Karnataka it is 0.24 per cent (2,906 children).

Koppal district has the highest number of severely underweight children in the State at 0.35 per cent, followed by Kalaburagi at 0.32 per cent, Yadgir 0.27 per cent, Raichur 0.23 per cent, Ballari 0.20 per cent and Bidar 0.08 per cent. Chikkamagaluru district has the third highest number of severely underweight children at 0.29 per cent. Koppal district has the highest moderately malnourished children at 15.21 per cent, followed by Raichur at 14.98 per cent, Yadgir 13.29 per cent, Kalaburagi 11.15 per cent, Ballari 10.51 per cent and Bidar 8.56 per cent.

Apart from providing egg, milk and banana, severely malnourished children are being treated at Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) of Health and Family Welfare Department which has helped in improving the nutritional level among children, the sources claimed.

CRIME PATROL

BEO shoots self dead in Bengaluru

Bengaluru : Depressed over health issues, a 52-year-old block education officer ended his life by suicide at his house in Kodigehalli on Sunday. He shot himself using his licensed double barrelled gun and left a suicide note stating that his family has taken enough care of him for more than 25 years, a police officer said. The deceased is T N Kamalakar, who worked as a BEO in Yelahanka. A case of unnatural death has been registered. **ENS**

11 of Ramjinagar gang nabbed

Bengaluru: Marathahalli police have arrested 11 miscreants of the Ramjinagar gang whose modus operandi is to snatch valuables from people by diverting their attention. With the arrest, police have solved 42 cases and recovered valuables worth Rs 5 lakh. All the arrested are residents of Ramjinagar in Tiruchirappalli district of Tamil Nadu. A senior police officer said the gang committed robberies in and around the city. **ENS**

Forest watcher's 'horse power' against fuel prices

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AMIDST high fuel prices, people are looking at ingenious, yet cost-effective ways to get around. Some have even taken to riding horses, a pastime which was otherwise considered a fancy.

Gullappa, a daily-wage watcher working at Mulkalmuru in the Chitradurga forest division, rides his horse to work. The animal is easy to maintain, as it grazes all day, while he is on duty. The watcher has caught the attention and appreciation of his seniors at the head office in Bengaluru, and those in other parts of Karnataka as well.

Gullappa on way to work

Gullappa had purchased the horse from a shepherd for Rs 3,000 a year ago, when he was unable to manage expenses. The shepherd had wanted to abandon the horse, while Gullappa wanted to help. Hence, he purchased it. Now, Gullappa uses the horse to commute and also to patrol.

"The rising fuel prices are a matter of concern and I needed a vehicle to commute. When I got to know of the horse, I just wanted to help, but later realised its benefits. It helps me keep a better vigil too," Gullappa mentioned.

Meanwhile, senior officials point out that there is no rule or law prohibiting the use of horses. But on the other hand, Range Forest Officer Puuturaju, serving in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, is under the scanner for housing a horse as a pet since the last two years.

Conservationists, activists and citizens have found the horse grazing in the reserve during the day and at night. The matter has also been raised with senior officials, citing that Bandipur is home to tigers, sloth bears, leopards, and elephants, and housing pets in the area should not be permitted.

According to officials, Putturaju had not sought permission before housing the horse in the staff quarters, which is in the tiger reserve's Molleyur range. "Though permission is not required to house pets, never have we faced such a situation earlier," the officials admitted.

The police jeep which was set on fire by migrant workers in Kizhakkambalam, Kochi, on Saturday night | A SANESH

Migrant workers go berserk, attack police in Kochi

ARUN M @Kizhakkambalam (Kochi)

THE usually-busy streets leading to Kitex Apparel Park at Kizhakkambalam wore an unfamiliar look on Sunday morning. People were few and the police personnel outnumbered them.

A police jeep lay gutted on the road in front of the company's labour camp while the tension was palpable. The place witnessed a fierce fight between a section of migrant workers from Manipur and Nagaland who were in an inebriated condition after celebrating Christmas on Saturday night, and later attacked the police who came to disperse them. Witnesses said the situation was riot-like.

Twenty four people were arrested while 132 have been detained. Two cases, for attacking police and vandalising their vehicles, were registered.

The region houses thousands of migrant labourers — a majority of them employed in Kitex — and it is for the first time that they dared to attack the police. According to local residents, an argument over reciting carol escalated into a deadly fight around 11.30pm. When a security staffer at the labour camp intervened, he was attacked. A group of police officers on night patrol rushed to the spot after Kitex authorities alerted them while a team from Kunnathunadu station joined them in an attempt to bring the situation under control. But around 500 labourers vandalised a police vehicle using lethal weapons and did not allow the officers to get out of it. A team of officers under Inspector of Police V T Shajan reached the spot, but the mob set a jeep ablaze in the meantime.

"The migrant workers were celebrating Christmas late into the night and the violence lasted for nearly three hours," said K K Surendran, a local resident.

The workers pelted stones at the police from inside the labour camp and also damaged their other jeeps. Shajan, who sustained head injuries and fractured his hand, was admitted to a private hospital in Kolenchery. He was discharged later. Five civil police officers were also injured.

District police chief K Karthick said more than 300 police personnel have been deployed in the area. "The situation is now under control. More force will be deployed if necessary."

NIT-K student hangs himself in hostel room

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

A second-year BTech student of National Institute of Technology (NIT-K) Suraktal allegedly committed suicide in his hostel room on Sunday. The deceased **Sourav Kumar Yadav** (19) was a native of Oraiya village near Patna, Bihar.

A death note left behind by him said he was ending his life as "he was going crazy and feared getting mad". "If i'll become mad, than I'll be a big liability to family. So, the chemical of my brain got killed me. It makes someone to live, mine chemical was bad (sic)," read the letter.

Stating that he has ₹1 lakh education loan pending, he has asked his father to immediately pay it in order to avoid more interest on the loan. He also asked him to make use of ₹46,000 in his bank account to pay the loan.

City Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar who visited the spot said Sourav was not sure of getting a job on completing the course and was worried about rising debt. He said the incident came to light when some of Sourav's friends knocked on the door of his room when he did not turn up for breakfast on Sunday. He said that when the college authorities called his parents, they expressed their inability to travel to Mangaluru due to poverty and asked that the the body be cremated in Mangaluru. However, the college management, lecturers and students made arrangements for their journey to Mangaluru and return to Patna with the body.

The commissioner said Sourav had attempted suicide when he was in Class 10. He said the parents and college management have not suspected any foul play in Sourav's death.

Suratkal police have registered an unnatural death case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the Public that, my Clients, **1. SRI. HITESH GULECHA** Aged about 30 years, S/o. Surajmal K.Jain, **2. SRI. MANISH KUMAR JAIN** Aged about 36 years, S/o. Surajmal K Jain, Both are residing at No.73, 3rd Floor, Shanthi Kunj, Between 6th and 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018 entered in to a Sale Agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Present owner, Smt. **PARVATHAMMA W/o. Beeresh Kumar,** Aged about 51 years, residing at No. 142, 4th Main, Bangalore -560 040, along with the Consenting Witnesses of her Husband **1. SRI. BEERESH KUMAR and Childrens 2. DEEPA BEERESH KUMAR, 3. CHANDRASHEKAR BEERESH KUMAR AND 4. GIRISH KUMAR BEERESH KUMAR.** Any person/s, any other legal heirs / representatives, having any claim, right, title and interest or possession mortgage, hypothecation, lien etc., have got any objection or opposing the above referred transaction whatsoever may lodge his / their objections or claims with supporting documentary evidence /proof to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN (15) Days** from the date of this notice / publication, failing which it may be presumed that there are no objections or claims to complete the **SALE TRANSACTION** in favour of my clients. Any objections / claims received after the lapse of FIFTEEN (15) Days will not be binding on my clients.

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All all that piece and parcel of an immovable property Previously Western Portion of Property bearing Site No. 1 Khatha No.266, measuring East to West 35'.0" ft., and North to South 57'.0" ft., totally measuring 1995 sq.ft., out of the total extent measuring East to West 50 ft., North to South 57 ft., (in the Sy No. 38/3B, 38/8, and 38/9 of Avalahalli Village) presently comes under the jurisdiction Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike the BBMP authorities have assigned the Property No as Property bearing No. 13 PID No 41-203-13 situated at Sundar Industrial Compound, New Timber Yard Layout, Bangalore Ward No. 41 measuring East to West 35-00 (Thirty-Three) Feet and North to South 57-00(Fifty-Seven) feet totally measuring 1995 sq.ft., consisting of 19.5 square A.C, Sheet Roofed Building, together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto whatsoever (Civic amenities), and bounded on;

East by : Beeresh Kumar's Property
West by : Sri. Jagadhish's Property,
North by : Private Property
South by : Road,

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

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Land Line No.	Zuzuvadi, (Opp. Ashok Leyland) **Hosur-635 126**
(Office): 04344-277714	Phone:04344-277714 Email: sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

"APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of FinancialAssets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that thebelow described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructivepossession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 03.02.2022, for recovery Rs. 46,34,991.00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety One Only) as on 24.12.2021 and further interest at contractual rate from 25.12.2021 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor from **Shri.Suresh R,** #159, Channasandra Main Road, Chowdeshwari Bakery, Nagondahalli, Bangalore – 560066.The reserve price will be Rs. 46,55,000.00 (Rupees Forty Six lakhsFifty Five thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,65,500.00 (Rupees Four lakhs Sixty Fivethousand and Five hundred only). Last date for Earnest Money Deposit is 01/02/2022.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/RASMEC/HOSUR/008/2021-22

Name of the title deed holder: Shri.Suresh R

Schedule A Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Northern Portion of Property bearing No.1/2, Khatha No.350/1/2, New Khatha No.363, situated at Nagondanahalli, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Bangalore, measuring East to West : 49.5 Feet and North to South : 22 Feet, in all measuring 1089 Square Feet, and bounded on the :-

East by : Land belongs to Hiriyappa
West by : 12 Feet Road
North by : Property belongs to Pillappa
South by : Southern Portion of same property No.1/2,
retained with the Donor M Ramakrishna (Measuring 2178 Sqft)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in.

Date: :24/12/2021 **Sd/-**
Place: Hosur **Authorized Officer**

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Mobile No: 9444094572	SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase-I,
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/RASMEC/HOSUR/004/2021-22

Name of the title deed holder:Smt. Mala M W/o A. Ramesh

Schedule A Property

All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing No.106, Old Assessment No.52/1, 3 and 60/1,2,3,5, presently bearing BBMP khata No.52/1,3, and 60/1,2,3,5 / 106, situated at Thanisandra Village, Krishnarajapura, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier Bangalore south taluk, Bangalore, now within BBMP Limits, measuring East to West 40 ft., and north to south 30 ft. (Total 1200 Sq.ft., together with 7½squares AC sheet Roofed House constructed thereon and bounded.

East by : 20ft Road
West by : Property No.115
North by : Property No.105
South by : Property No.107

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in.

Date: :23/12/2021 **Sd/-**
Place: Hosur **Authorized Officer**

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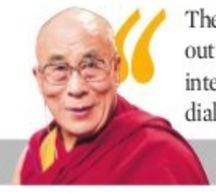

"The impulse to try to solve problems by use of force is out of date and old-fashioned. Since we are now all so interdependent, the appropriate solution is to engage in dialogue—it's something to which we can all contribute

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

TIMING IT RIGHT FOR CORONAVIRUS BOOSTER SHOTS

Just when a low rumble of opinion makers demanding Covid booster doses was building up, PM Narendra Modi made the announcement on precautionary jabs late on Saturday night. His addresses to the nation beyond sundown have been creating a bit of anxiety ever since the one on demonetisation had a cascading effect on every citizen and the economy. Happily, Saturday's address came as a relief. Booster shots for frontline and healthcare workers, and a precautionary one for the 60-plus and people with comorbidities on medical advice were just the right prescriptions at a time when the Omicron variant's outbreak has become a global headache. The addition of adolescents to the eligible population for vaccination came hours after the national drug regulator approved administering home-grown Covaxin to the 12-17 age group. Modi's advice not to panic despite conflicting reports on Omicron's severity from across the globe but to be sensible about following Covid protocol ought to instill some sense of responsibility among the public.

In the run-up to the announcement, bureaucrats had claimed they would be guided by science and the WHO's position on boosters. That statement suggested the shots could be put off till the entire eligible population is fully vaccinated, as even last week the WHO had warned about Covid spread in unvaccinated populations globally, adding no country could boost its way out of the pandemic. As for science, a bunch of scientists who guide policy—members of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 and the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation—kept meeting but saying little in public. It was left to Modi to finally take the headline. Perhaps it was designed that way.

Talking of headlines, a high court judge in UP made a big splash, suggesting postponing the state polls due in February, when the matter he was adjudicating on was a completely unrelated case of bail. His crowded courtroom, where he could have easily imposed Covid protocol, apparently prompted the headline hunt. Nevertheless, the Election Commission is seized of the well-meaning advice. Here's hoping it would take the right call while creating a level playing field.

GROWTH ESTIMATES AND SOCIAL TENSIONS

As we knock on the doors of 2022, here's a reminder: Peace and prosperity are not two mutually exclusive events and one cannot be achieved without the other. And as analyst after analyst, economist after economist keep coming up with their estimates for India's growth in the short to medium term—not that these numbers themselves are very reassuring—most of them are probably overlooking (in whatever model they are using to arrive at these numbers) the growing social tension in the country.

Understandably, it is not an easy variable to quantify and use in models for predicting India's economic growth. But common sense dictates that a country cannot see sustainable growth if majoritarianism is allowed a free run across the country. If, amid all those high praise for economic reforms and steps taken to steer the economy out of slump, one does not see the continuous disruptions of prayers of minority communities across the country and efforts to shrink their economic and social space, these analyses are at best hollow. What makes the situation even worse is the complete silence of corporate leaders, who through an army of PR executives try to establish themselves as epitomes of ethics, leadership and humanity. And while they loftily keep talking about sustainability in business, not a single corporate leader has raised his/her voice against the continuous attack on minorities, and the government's inability (or reluctance) to put a leash on the perpetrators. Looks like their talk of sustainability does not go beyond soliciting for ESG funds. Mind you, the S in the ESG stands for Sustainability.

It is hard to believe that they are not aware of the worsening social and communal fabric in the country, and the ill effect it could have on overall business sentiments. Nonetheless, economists, analysts and India Inc. continue to carry on with their blinkered vision, refusing to see the elephant in the room. But given the current situation, closing one's eyes (to the reality) is no longer an option.

The most disturbing fact is that vigilante groups enjoy selective protection from the police. While the state professes law as religion neutral, the data shows otherwise

THE REAL MAFIA AND GOONS IN UTTAR PRADESH

KAPIL SIBAL

Senior lawyer, Congress leader and member of Rajya Sabha

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The flavour of what is to come in the context of electoral rhetoric in the forthcoming Assembly elections in five states, given the nature of rhetoric in the past, is predictable. In West Bengal, it was crass and uncivil. That trend is not likely to change given what is at stake. The most crucial outcome that will be tracked with great interest will be in Uttar Pradesh. That result may impact the electoral outcome of the Lok Sabha in 2024.

Amit Shah, on 17 December 2021, as he was bound to do, extolled the virtues of Yogi Adityanath. One virtue that Shah said stood out was Yogi's success in cleaning the state from "mafia and goons". He alleged that both the BSP and SP gave them protection while under the present chief minister "all mafia members migrated from the state". A tall claim without understanding as to what the term 'mafia' stands for. The term 'mafia', as defined, is "a close group of people who are involved in similar activities and who help and protect each other, sometimes to the disadvantage of others". It is a definition that fits the bill, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, considering the let loose vigilante groups and goons who go about instilling fear with muscle power and the ostensible tacit support of some of those responsible for maintaining law and order.

Mafia and goons have scant respect for the law. At a recent conclave in Haridwar, we saw the spectacle of what lies aheads—speeches spewing venom and openly calling for genocide. Ironically, for lesser deeds, often trenchant criticism of the regime in UP has attracted sedition and offences under the UAPA. For what transpired in Haridwar, spreading communal hatred to say the least under police watch, is clearly made out. Yet no arrest. The least the police should have done was to register an FIR on their own. These are not isolated incidents. A network of organisations with deep roots violate the law ever so frequently and with impunity.

The RSS, with its tentacles spread far and wide along with a dense network of affiliates and organisations like the Hindu Yuva Vahini, Bajrang Dal and smaller groups sprouting in almost every district, have their footprints across the state. The members of a particular community are victimised for not chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' disregarding even the children, who cry and beg for the protection of their parents. The Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister on 9 November 2021 went to the extent of saying that those who refuse to chant the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' would be dubbed as Pakistanis. The 'Aurangzeb-Shivaji binary' is a well choreographed idiom to feed into the divisive agenda in the run-up to the Assembly elections.

The most disturbing fact is that these vigilante groups enjoy selective protection at the hands of the police, thereby, in a sense, criminalising democratic dissent under a regime that targets communities and polarises the polity for electoral dividends. While the state professes law as religion neutral, the data points to the other direction. The enforcement authorities, in sync with Hindutva ideology, look at every religious conversion with a suspicious eye. There is also no denying the public perception that the dominant caste in the government seeks to recruit and put in place in key positions members of their own caste, who in turn do the bidding of those in power for electoral gain.

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Along with this, vigilante groups' alleged criminal activities are seen to have been legitimised. This mode of governance is outside the Constitution and the rule of law. A crackdown on those who protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act took the risk of being cast as criminals in Yogi's Uttar Pradesh. The crackdown was brutal. Eyewitness accounts and video footage show police entering homes in Muslim neighbourhoods and destroying properties. The death count was 22. Police claimed that they had not fired at the protestors, yet many succumbed to bullet wounds.

Intolerance to dissent became even starker during the Covid-19 pandemic. Cases were filed against journalists who exposed public health failures and criticised the government for the absence of oxygen supply and life saving measures. In fact, cases were allegedly filed against residents for complaining about the state's abysmal healthcare system. The focus of Yogi's free from mafia claim falls far short of the truth. The Hindutva ideology, from cow slaughter to love jihad, is an attempt to act to the disadvantage of a community with the help of a close group of people of a particular ideological mould, carrying this agenda to its logical end; even in disrupting Muslim-run meat businesses. The National Security Act (NSA) is being used as a potent tool for ideological onslaught by booking people suspected of cow slaughter or trafficking. In fact, between January 2018 and 2020, the Allahabad High Court quashed NSA orders in more than 70% cow slaughter related cases. All of them were Muslims.

As we move forward, forthcoming speeches will be drenched with communal overtones and vitriol. The police in BJP-ruled states will look on and the election commission will remain selectively silent.

It is now clear that these self-proclaimed vigilantes are groups that are closely interconnected and who seek to help each other and involve themselves in targeting certain communities to their advantage. I wonder who the real 'mafia and goons' are? Maybe Amit Shah can ponder and answer that question.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

IS THE U.S. FED'S FASTER TAPERING TOO OPTIMISTIC?

KANDASWAMI SUBRAMANIAN

Served in the Ministry of Finance, GOI, and retired as Joint Secretary

In an earlier piece (*The dragon at the doors of the US*, November 27), we narrated the background to the surge in inflation in the US since October. What surprised the policymakers most, in particular the US Federal Reserve (Fed), was the rapidity of the rise. In the earlier months, inflation was hovering around 4% or slightly above, but did not disturb the Fed or the White House. It was not considered abnormal or uncontrollable.

Unbeknownst to itself, the Fed was trapped in a set of conflicting objectives. As *Reuter's* reported on May 24, "Tension between sticky job markets and rising prices could pose a problem for the US Federal officials who have staked an aggressive monetary policy on the belief they can avoid a conflict between returning US employment to pre-pandemic levels and keeping inflation under control." The Fed hoped to have them all: strong economy, job growth, stable inflation. It has remained elusive so far.

It was the raging pandemic that was the villain. The economic damage inflicted by the pandemic is yet to be assessed in its entirety. However, it is evident that the lockdowns, trade, supply disruptions, etc., have reduced growth rates across the globe. It is not clear when there would be normalcy or when we would reach pre-pandemic levels. The Fed had to intervene in a massive way to lift the Covid-damaged economy. A study by Brookings (*What did the Fed do in response to the COVID-19 crisis?*, 17 December 2021) explains how the Fed stepped "in with a broad array of actions to keep credit flowing to limit the economic damage from the pandemic". By and large, it was the assessment that the Fed "acted decisively and with dispatch to deploy all the tools in its conventional kit and to design, develop and launch within weeks a series of innovative facilities to support the flow of credit to households and business". The support was through the issue of bonds. While in most other countries credit flows through banks, in the US, it is substantially through the capital market. These operations would have to be stopped if monetary tightening has to be put in place, but that cannot happen unless there is economic recovery.

Even more intractable was the legacy of bonds issued in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, when the Fed began to adopt unconventional policies or the so-called Quantitative Easing (QE). Bonds were issued for about six trillion dollars. Ben Bernanke, as the then Fed chief, said he would drop dollars from helicopters to revive the US economy. There were doubts whether the QE policies would help the revival of the economy. Scholarly studies by the BIS economists also suggested that those policies would skew asset values and lead to excessive financialisation. More importantly, they argued that the unwinding of the bonds (repurchase) would be difficult and could cause harm to the market. These warnings were ignored. In 2013, when Ben Bernanke hinted that the Fed could commence tapering, it led to tantrums in some emerging markets heavily dependent on short-term capital inflows. When Raghuram Rajan, the then RBI Governor, broached the subject in a meeting at Brookings, Bernanke curtly responded that the Fed was under no obligation to consult with others and would go by its statutory mandates. The reference to this issue has been made at length since the Fed has been under pressure to correct the imbalance in its balance sheet and repurchase the bonds. The Fed is also keen and committed to doing it in a phased manner. Surely, it will be double jeopardy if it is combined with anti-inflation tightening. In short, the Fed's agenda is getting crowded with conflicting objectives. One can well appreciate Powell's dilemmas or traps.

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There was another issue that was debated and opinion was strongly divided between two teams: Team Transitory and Team Persistent. Many economists including Paul Krugman, the Nobel Laureate and Olivier Blanchard, former IMF Chief Economist, felt that the inflation was temporary and could be tided over with proper policies. Powell himself was of the view for some months that inflation was "transitory." In his speech at the Jackson Symposium delivered on 27 August 2021, he felt that the underlying global disinflationary factors have not reversed or abated and "will continue to weigh on inflation as the pandemic passes into history". He referred to the problems the central banks face in distinguishing transitory spikes from more troublesome developments. It was not until November in his testimony to a Congressional Committee that he conceded that inflation in the US was persistent. It was after the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on 14–15 December that the Fed shifted its stance to "Inflation battle, winding down pandemic support and tapering of bonds".

The package proposed by the Fed has been welcomed by the market and analysts as pragmatic. It proposes faster tapering and tapering to end by March 2022. The rate increases to commence thereafter and is calibrated over four quarters. In my view, it is a trapease act. With the onset of Omicron and its faster spread in the US, it is too optimistic to expect the pandemic to be over by March. More importantly, it postpones the dreaded taper tantrums to a later date. When the taper starts at a faster rate, they would reverberate in the forex markets of emerging economies like India.

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Join hands for democracy

This is with reference to *Patriotism vs humanity, and blinkered media* (Dec 25). The article is very balanced and has touched upon several anomalies in journalism. Some journalists and media houses are surviving and even thriving on the support of those in power. But at the same time, it is also pertinent to ask as to why one always needs to curse and condemn the government. Opposing all the policies framed by the government is not a healthy trend. Democracy can function only when all the stakeholders work in coordination. Disruption in Parliament is a case in point. How can the hurling of the rule book at the chair in Parliament be tolerated and justified?

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Humanity above all

I have been a regular reader of *The New Indian Express* for decades. It is likeable because you are still able to be assertive throughout the years, as you have rightly proved with this column. When the world is a village, patriotism needs to take a back seat. Humanity must come above all loyalty to our nation. Period. All democratic countries are greedy to have the cake and eat it too in spite of knowing that it is not possible.

D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Conversions & disharmony

This is with reference to the editorial *Needless attempt to polarise in Karnataka* (Dec 24). The article fails to take note of the social disharmony emanating from the predetermined attempt of missionaries to thrust their faith by misrepresentation, force, fraud, undue influence, coercion and allurement. Christians remaining at 2.3% of India's population in the last two censuses is doubtful as the missionaries are very active and are able to perform conversions.

P Ganesan, Nagercoil

Violence begets violence

This is with reference to *KL murders: Culprits fled to other states, says ADGP* (Dec 24) and *Political killings: Kerala has every reason to worry* (Dec 21). It is really sad and unfortunate that Kerala is fast becoming the 'hotbed of political violence'. Some anti-social forces at work are disturbing peace in the name of settling political scores, or are acting as stooges, henchmen or kill-merchants. With all said and done, the state could be slowly slipping into the hands of law breakers. People should introspect and realise that violence begets more violence.

R Sampath, Chennai

End of an era

K S Sethumadhavan was one of the patriarchs of Malayalam cinema (*Director who bridged literature and cinema*, Dec 25). He created quality movies that were noted for its artistic and commercial value. His departure is an irreparable loss and marks the end of an era. He was instrumental in bridging the gap between literature and cinema to a large extent. His movies were noted for realism and these earned him several national and state awards.

Jayashree Thampi, T'puram

Against the basic tenets

This is with reference to *Jai Shri Ram in church on Xmas eve* (Dec 26). It was shocking to learn that a group of right-wing activists barged into the premises of a church in Pataudi in the Gurugram district of Haryana, created a fracas on Christmas eve and forced people to chant slogans of "Jai Shri Ram". Such acts do more harm than good to Hinduism, which has propagated tolerance from time immemorial and has never indulged in violence or aggression against minorities.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Modi govt playing with lives by ignoring the threat of Omicron. "Making things" & "coming on television" will not heal "wounds" of criminal negligence.

Navjot Singh Sidhu @sherryontopp
Politics without agenda is just a pursuit of power. Punjab Model is roadmap for resseruction of Punjab's Kisani and bringing back lost industries.

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
Centre will make all endeavours to fulfil the creative energy and aspirations of the youth of UP. It will help in bringing the MSMEs of UP together.

Parl row spills over even after winter session

Prahlad Joshi, Jairam Ramesh exchange barbs on suspension of opposition MPs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

UNION Minister for Parliamentary affairs Prahlad Joshi on Sunday released a video of the Rajya Sabha scuffle in the last day of the Monsoon session to allege that the Opposition had been disrespectful of the Chair.

It prompted a fierce response from senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh who questioned the presence of police in the lobbies, as only Rajya Sabha security personnel are allowed to maintain security within the house chambers and lobbies.

The first shot was fired when Joshi posted the video *(see pix)* over the issue of the suspension of the 12 MPs from the Rajya Sabha in the Winter session of Parliament.

Shared the short video on his Twitter handle, the minister sought to keep up the pressure on the Opposition MPs. The government all through the Winter session of Parliament had maintained that the suspended Opposition MPs needed to apologise before the Chair could consider the decision of the suspension.

Joshi argued that the MPs being representatives of the people needed to show respect to the Chair. He also took potshot at the Congress MP in the

Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh.

With the video of the last day of the Rajya Sabha session in the Monsoon session when the House had passed the farm laws in din, Joshi alleged that the suspended MPs had indulged in hooliganism. The BJP floor leaders, incidentally, has always been arguing that the suspended MPs in the Rajya Sabha had indulged in scuffle with the Marshall, including women personnel, which is unbecoming of MPs.

Responding to Joshi's remarks, Ramesh tweeted, "You mustn't lose your way spreading lies to please NaMo (Narendra Modi), who himself is the *Jagadguru of Jhoot* (master of lies). Repeating what I said in the House' if the government is accommodative, then the opposition is responsive."

He asserted that the onus is on the government to ensure that Parliament functions.

Boiler explosion kills seven, injures five in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SEVEN people were killed and five others were seriously wounded in an explosion in the boiler of an industrial unit located at Bela Industrial Area in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Sunday.

The blast took place at around 9.45 am when labourers were engaged in work at the noodles and snack manufacturing factory at Bela Industrial Area, Phase II. The explosion was so powerful that its tremor was felt in a radius of two kilometres while there were reports of damages in some nearby buildings.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar ordered a probe and announced an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh each to the next of kin of those killed in the accident. Later, the Prime Minister approved compensation of ₹2 lakh for the families of the deceased while the injured would be given ₹50,000 each.

While five bodies were extricated from the debris, two succumbed to their injuries at a hospital. Two victims — Sandeep Kumar and Vinod Rai from Musahari in Muzaffarpur district — were identified so far, Muzaffarpur Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Gyan Prakash said.

"We all were engaged in work when there was suddenly a loud explosion. People ran helter-skelter for safety. We also got injured in the process. What happened thereafter is not known to us," said Dipesh and Pankaj Kumar.

Police inspect the site of boiler explosion in Bihar's Muzaffarpur on Sunday | PTI

District magistrate Pranav Kumar said a rescue team from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) along with the district administration were involved in the rescue work at the site of explosion. Police and fire department helped the SDRF team.

Expressing shock, industries minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain those found gulity would not be spared. Revenue and land reforms department minister Ram Surat Kumar met the injured people at a hospital and assured them of providing treatment free of cost.

EXPRESS READ

Tomar slams Rahul, says no plan to bring back farm laws

BHOPAL: Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Sunday made it clear that the central government has no plan to reintroduce the three withdrawn farm laws, and accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of doing "cheap politics" and misleading people. The statement comes a day after the Congress alleged that the Centre was hatching a conspiracy to reintroduce the laws after the upcoming assembly polls. "There is no proposal of the government to bring back the laws. People like Rahul Gandhi indulge in cheap politics. These people have tried unsuccessfully to mislead the country by misquoting my statement. There is no such proposal," Tomar asserted.

Rly works form bulk of delayed big infra projects

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

AMID a big infrastructure push by the Centre, government data showed that the number of delayed projects has gradually gone up during the last five years resulting in cost overruns.

While the number of delayed projects during March 2017 was 327, it increased to 541 in November this year, recording a jump of nearly 65%. The number of total projects also recorded a rise from 1,231 to 1,679 during the period.

The maximum number of delayed projects belongs to the railways followed by Road Transport and Highway. As many as 141 out of 285 projects under the railways (nearly 50%) are under the delayed category in the latest data by the Ministry of Statistics. In road and highway sector, 134 out of total 889 projects (nearly 15%) are delayed.

The Infrastructure and Project Monitoring Division (IPMD) of the Ministry of Statistics is responsible for monitoring of the ongoing Central sector infrastructure projects costing ₹150 crore and above on time and cost overruns.

In its report, the ministry has also highlighted the fact that project agencies are not reporting revised cost estimates and commissioning schedules for many projects, which suggests that time/cost overrun figures are underreported.

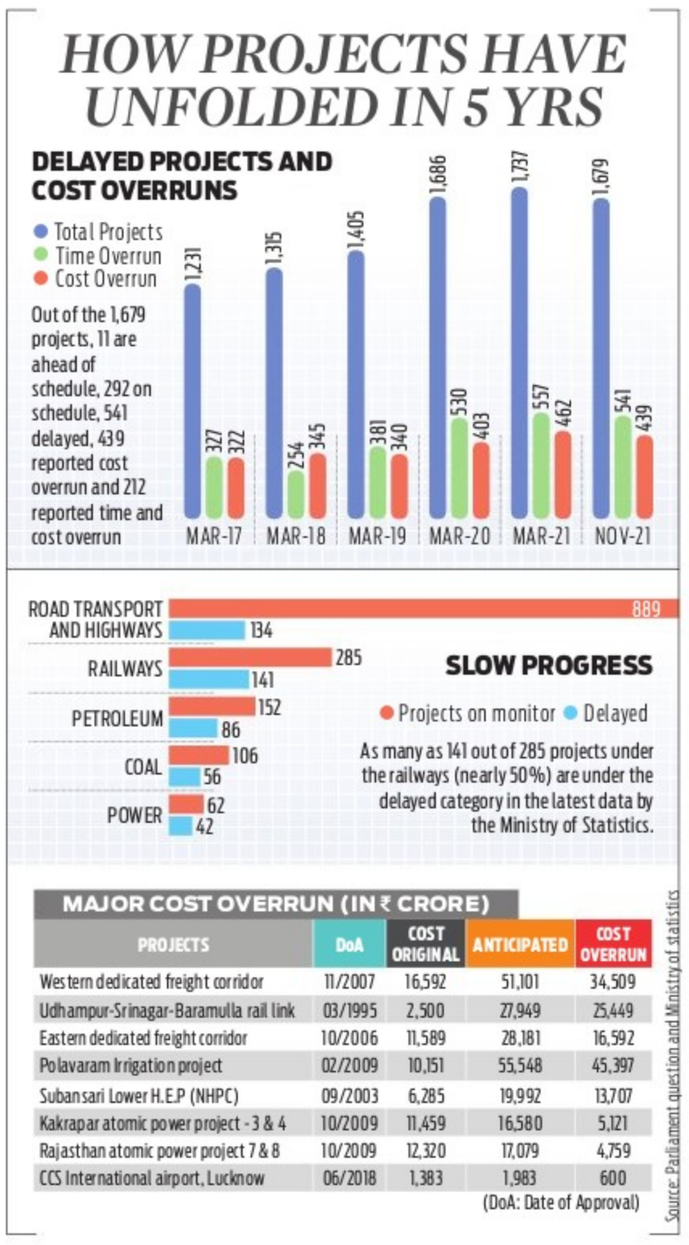
The latest report says that out of 1,679 projects, 541 projects are delayed with respect to their original schedules and 75 projects have reported additional delays vis-a-vis their date of completion reported in the previous month. Of these 75 projects, 28 are mega projects costing ₹1,000 crore and above.

The total original cost of implementation of the 1,679 projects was ₹22,29,544.27 crore and their anticipated completion cost is likely to be ₹26,67,593.85 crore, which reflects overall cost overruns of ₹4,38,049.58 crore (19.65% of original cost). The expenditure incurred on these projects till November 2021 is ₹12,88,558.49 crore, which is 48.30% of the anticipated cost of the projects.

As per the latest data, out of the 1,679 projects, 11 projects are ahead of schedule, 292 are on schedule, 541 are delayed, 439 projects reported cost overrun and 212 projects reported both time and cost overrun with respect to their original project implementation schedules.

Main reasons behind the delay are the issues related to land acquisition, forest/environment clearances, delay in tie-up of project financing, among others.

To avoid the cost/time overrun, the Centre has put in place a mechanism including a periodic review of projects under PRAGATI through video conferencing; rigorous project appraisal; Online Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up a revised cost committees in the ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns among others.


HOW PROJECTS HAVE UNFOLDED IN 5 YRS
DELAYED PROJECTS AND COST OVERRUNS
Total Projects
Time Overrun
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MAR-17 1,231 327 322
MAR-18 1,315 254 345
MAR-19 1,405 381 340
MAR-20 1,686 530 403
MAR-21 1,737 557 462
NOV-21 1,679 541 439
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS 889 134
RAILWAYS 285 141
PETROLEUM 152 86
COAL 106 56
POWER 62 42
SLOW PROGRESS
Projects on monitor
Delayed
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MAJOR COST OVERRUN (IN ₹ CRORE)

PROJECTS	DoA	COST ORIGINAL	ANTICIPATED	COST OVERRUN
Western dedicated freight corridor	11/2007	16,592	51,101	34,509
Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link	03/1995	2,500	27,949	25,449
Eastern dedicated freight corridor	10/2006	11,589	28,181	16,592
Polavaram Irrigation project	02/2009	10,151	55,548	45,397
Subansari Lower H.E.P (NHPC)	09/2003	6,285	19,992	13,707
Kakrapar atomic power project - 3 & 4	10/2009	11,459	16,580	5,121
Rajasthan atomic power project 7 & 8	10/2009	12,320	17,079	4,759
CCS International airport, Lucknow	06/2018	1,383	1,983	600

(DoA: Date of Approval)

Source: Parliament question and Ministry of statistics

SJM wants ban on cryptocurrency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM) has sought a complete ban on cryptocurrency and called for expediting a law related to digital currency by the Reserve Bank of India.

In its national conclave which concluded on Sunday, the RSS affiliate sought a timeframe to allow the people holding the cryptocurrency to exit from their stocks. "The government should outrightly ban buying, selling, investing and otherwise dealing in cryptocurrencies by any person residing in India," the SJM national conclave resolution argued. "Cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum should also not be recognised as asset or digital asset because it will indirectly become medium of exchange like currency."

It also called upon the government to allow persons holding crypto currencies to sell or exchange the same within a short span of time subject to provision of submitting the information to I-T department. "Government should ban online trading platform for buying, selling or otherwise dealing in crypto currencies or crypto-assets presently in circulation. Disobeying ban should make person/entity liable to financial penalty."

Block chain technology should not be linked to cryptocurrencies only, it added.

It also called upon the ministries of consumer affairs and corporate affairs to make aggressive consumer awareness campaign regarding ban on cryptocurrencies.

FALLEN COMRADE

IAF personnel pay respects to Wing Commander Harshit Sinha during his funeral in Lucknow on Sunday. Sinha was killed in a MiG crash in Jaisalmer | PTI

COAL BLOCK IN BENGAL'S BIRBHUM

11,222 acre
Spread of coal block

2.2 bn tonne
Estimated coal reserve

1.5 lakh
estimated job creation

784
families have to be evicted

90
villages have to be vacated

GOVT OFFERS FOR AFFECTED FAMILIES

Rehabilitation package of **₹10,000 crore**

Job in junior constable post for one of each evicted family

Left plans a Singur encore to Didi

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

PROTEST is often the secret to success in West Bengal's political landscape. It worked in Mamata Banerjee's favour in 2011 when TMC ended the Left Front's 34-year reign riding the momentum of sustained agitations against land acquisition for Tata's Nano plant in Singur and land-related agitations in Nandigram.

Over a decade later, major stakeholders in the Left Front have started a similar stir. The centre of attention is the TMC government's mining venture in the Deucha Panchami coal block spread over 1,100 acres in Birbhum district. These parties have swung into action and standing by people in the tribal-dominated area where villagers have to be relocated for the project. The area is home to nearly 800 families in more than 90 villages.

Despite the CM's announcement two years ago to start mining work in the area and offer for a rehabilitation package of ₹10,000 crore, an inch of work is yet to take place. Mamata has even admitted there is an eviction problem. Proving that her hunch was right, a protest rally was organised last week at Diwanganj under the banner of a local tribal organisation against eviction from the project site. CPI(M)'s Rajya Sabha MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya joined in, under the banner 'Save Democracy' and called for armed resistance to protect lands.

"We do not want to miss the opportunity to use the tribal people's fear of getting evicted from their ancestral property. This is the same tool Mamata used in Nandigram and Singur against our government's land acquisition policy and dislodged us. Now, her government is talking about eviction and we have adopted the path she had chosen," said a CPI(M) leader.

The first organised resistance was seen on Thursday, when local TMC functionaries took out a procession at the place where the rally attended by Bhattacharya was held. Soon after they started, tribal women with sticks and stones surrounded the TMC workers shouting slogans against eviction. They pelted stones and the TMC workers had no option but to retreat.

According to reports from the Intelligence Branch (IB), several organisations under different names are visiting these tribal-dominated pockets and encouraging them to protest the government's eviction initiative. Sunil Soren, a tribal who recently joined TMC in Diwanganj, said some group might have misled the people who attacked the TMC's rally.

"The government has decided to take a soft stand on the issue of eviction. That's because the voting pattern of tribals is almost uniform. If a wrong message is delivered, our party may suffer a massive electoral jolt in the tribal areas of Purulia, Jhargram, West Midnapore and Bankura districts," said a TMC leader.

BLUES FOR BJP

Five Matua MLAs quit text group

KOLKATA: The BJP is likely to suffer in south Bengal as five Matua MLAs exited from its official WhatsApp group in protest after being ignored in the Wednesday's rejig.

The setback came from North 24 Parganas and Nadia where the BJP got seven MLAs in the state. Ashok Kirtania from Bongaon North, Ashim Sarkar of Haringhata, Subrata Thakur of Gaighata, Ambika Roy from Kalyani and Mukut Mani Adhikari of Ranaghat South left the social media group on Saturday.

The All India Matua Maha Sangha, the national body of the sect, expressed its discontent over the issue.

The voters of the backward class community, who form around 45 per cent of the total electorates in some of the pockets, had supported the BJP in 2019 and 2021.

''We were lured by the promise of citizenship by the BJP's promise of implementing the CAA. We are upset with the rejig in the state committee where none from the Matua community was given berth,'' said an aggrieved MLA.

But, BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar said there are vacancies where Matuas' representatives could be inducted. ''It is natural that discontent surfaces after every reshuffle. Our party has deep rooted connection with the Matuas.'' *ENS*

Self-discipline must to deal with Omicron: PM

NEW DELHI: PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the collective strength of the people will help in dealing with the new challenges posed by the Omicron variant of Coronavirus.

In his monthly radio programme '*Mann Ki Baat*', Modi called upon the people to keep trust in the scientific community, which is closely monitoring the new strain of Covid

"Our scientists are continuously studying this new Omicron variant. They are getting new data every day. Their suggestions are being worked upon. In such a situation, self-awareness, self-discipline is in itself the country's strength in fighting against this variant of Corona," he said. "It is this very collective strength of ours that will defeat Corona. With this very sense of responsibility, we have to enter into 2022."

Modi also complimented the vaccination achievements in the country. "Crossing the 140 million vaccine dose mark is an achievement of each and every Indian."

The PM also paid tributes to IAF pilot Varun Singh who was gravely injured in the Coonoor helicopter crash and passed away recently.

Quoting from a letter written by Singh to his school principal, Modi mentioned: "It is ok to be mediocre. Not everyone will excel at school and not everyone will be able to score in the 90s. If you do, it is an amazing achievement and must be applauded." *ENS*

Oppn leaders seek credit for booster dose rollout

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

OPPOSITION leaders are rushing to take credit for PM Narendra Modi's announcement of rolling out booster doses of Covid vaccines for healthcare and other frontline workers, and senior citizens.

"The central government has accepted my suggestion of a booster dose. This is a right step. The safety of vaccines and boosters will have to reach the people of the country," tweeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, tagging another 4-day-old tweet asking the government about the roll-out of booster doses.

Before Rahul, TMC MP Mahua Moitra had tweeted: "Hallelujah! Hon'ble Modiji has heard me! Boosters for over 60s and frontline workers finally!" She claimed to have made the demand five days before the PM's announcement, when she asked the government about booster doses for the elderly. On December 20, Moitra had tweeted that two doses of Covishield protect only 30% against Omicron, but with a booster dose, protection rises to 88%.

Soon after the PM's announcement, Shiv Sena leader Aditya Thackeray tweeted he was glad the government accepted his suggestion regarding booster doses in his letter to the union health minister. Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi also tweeted that she had always called for booster doses.

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal too said he was happy that the PM finally made the announcement of booster dose roll-out.

FRAUD CLAIMS LIFE

Woman ends life after two fake NCB officials threaten her with drug case, demand ₹20 lakh. The duo were arrested in Mumbai for posing as Narcotics Control Bureau officials and making the demand

250 TOURISTS STUCK IN SIKKIM AMID HEAVY SNOWFALL RESCUED

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	14	Mumbai	30	20
Bhopal	25	12	Panaji	31	21
Jaipur	23	13	Patna	25	11
Amritsar	18	08	Lucknow	23	10
Chennai	29	19	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	22	05
Srinagar	04	01	Chandigarh	20	09

Dharmendra Pradhan with UP deputy CM Dinesh Sharma | TV GRAB

BJP rushes to placate Brahmin community in UP

Party to project temple renovation efforts of Centre and state, development of Varanasi

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

Political PULSE

IN the face of Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra leading the charge of her party in Uttar Pradesh, BJP's UP election in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan on Sunday held a stock taking exercise and strategised to woo the Brahmin community.

The BJP leaders are largely unanimous that the Congress party's campaign will cut into the Brahmin vote base, which is known to be nursing grievances with the saffron outfit in Uttar Pradesh.

BJP's Brahmin leaders, including deputy chief minister Dinesh Sharma, attended the meeting. Incidentally, beleaguered Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni, who has been lying low after the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, was also among the attendees.

The BJP is roping leaders who were recently sidelined, including former Union Minister and Lok Sabha MP Mahesh Sharma. It has been reliably learnt that the Brahmin leaders with any sort of visibility will be tasked to man the Assembly constituencies.

While the BJP considers the upper castes, including Brahmins, as catchment constituency, its leaders' on-ground assessments are learnt to have noted the stress, which need to be addressed. "Brahmins in UP have been the kingmakers. They had even joined ranks with the BSP previously. They had been, along with the scheduled castes, the traditional vote base of the Congress before the advent of the socialist identity politics," said a senior BJP functionary.

The BJP strategy, it has been learnt, is to showcase the efforts of the Centre and state to renovate the temples, including the Kasi Viswanath and the overall development of Varanasi. The party will largely bank on its Brahmin faces who can pull people with their appeals, added the BJP functionary.

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Senior BJP functionary

PAST FORWARD IN PUNJAB: SACRILEGE CONTINUES TO HAUNT PARTIES

ATTACK ON GRANTH SAHIB

OCT 12, 2015
Torn pages of Granth Sahib found near Gurdwara in Bargari

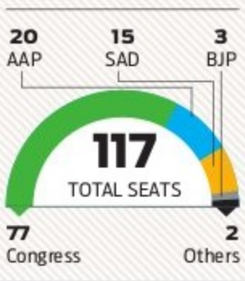
OCT 20, 2015
Torn pages of Granth Sahib were found near Gurdwara in Gurisar village of Bathinda

NOV 4, 2015
Torn pages of Guru Granth Sahib were found scattered at Mallke village in Moga

JULY 3, 2016
Another such case reported from Bhagta Bhai Ka in Bathinda

SEPT 12, 2018
Torn pages of the Guru Granth Sahib found in Ram Nagar village in Bathinda

DEC 18, 2021
Attempted sacrilege incidents at Golden Temple in Amritsar



2017 TALLY

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IF the latest sacrilege episode that unfolded inside the Golden Temple on December 18 is an indication, it'd appear that the Punjab polls due in a couple of months would be fought around a theme that has been kept alive since 2015. That year, two men had died and many others injured in police firing during a protest against a sacrilege incident that took place in Behbal Kalan village of Faridkot district.

The two incidents look disjointed in the backdrop of political circumstances, but follow the same narrative of religious appeal. The newest one has taken place during the Congress regime, the other occurred during the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) rule. The 2015 incident reached a flash point when previous chief minister Amarinder Singh, who had promised justice in 2017, was ousted amid charges that he went "soft" towards the Badals and did not go beyond setting up a special task force whose report was junked by the Punjab and Haryana High Court earlier this year.

Post-Amritsar episode, SAD is back to peddling its '*panthic* appeal' in its attempt to put the Charanjit Singh Channi government on the mat.

The 2017 polls saw a complete decimation of Akalis and political observers attributed the SAD-BJP defeat to the alliance's handling of the sacrilege cases. A look at the election results reveals the impact of the sacrilege case. In Faridkot district (where the sacrilege and subsequent police firing took place in 2015) with three assembly constituencies, SAD was a poor third, while AAP, which debuted in the elections, won two.

Sikh activists gather outside the Golden Temple after the sacrilege incident | PTI

Similarly, in the neighbouring Bathinda district, which has six assembly constituencies — the highest among seven districts of Malwa region (southern Punjab) — the effect of the 2015 sacrilege case was visible. Three seats each went to AAP and the Congress while SAD, which had won four seats in 2012, scored a duck.

That the sacrilege case would be a pivotal issue in the 2022 polls, too, was clear even before the Golden Temple incident happened in which the alleged accused was lynched to death. Political parties started raising their pitch for justice in the 2015 case months ago. In fact, this was one of the key issues which saw the CM's chair being transferred from Amarinder to Channi.

Even after the change of CM face in the Congress government, the party's state chief Navjot Singh Sidhu has not let up the heat on the issue. A few days ago, he visited the families of those killed in police firing in Behbal Kalan while protesting over the sacrilege issue, and reiterated his demand for speeding up justice.

On the other hand, the opposition is trying to step up heat on the Congress regime over the Golden Temple incident.

Political analyst Prof Kuldeep Singh says in 2017, the public perception went against SAD as Akal Takht (the highest temporal seat of Sikhs) had pardoned Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim at the behest of the Akali Dal in a case where the Dera chief imitated Sikh Gurus – a strict no-no in Sikh religion.

15 more candidates declared by AAP for Punjab polls

4th list of the party released on Sunday

73 No. of candidates so far announced by party for 117-member Assembly

The TMC and AAP are fracturing the non-BJP vote. Whether that will benefit the BJP, I cannot say

P Chidambaram, Congress

Goons fleeing UP under Yogi rule, says Amit Shah

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

GOONS and mafia were fleeing Uttar Pradesh under Yogi Adityanath government, Union Home minister Amit Shah claimed on Sunday.

Leading the BJP's Jan Vishwas Yatra in Jalon and Kasganj districts, Shah said people were free from the terror of mafia and criminals and were sending their children school fearlessly while those who used to terrorise the common man were now seeking shelter outside UP fearing for their lives.

Slammed the opposition for playing caste politics, Shah said under the previous Samajwadi Party rule, 3Ps — "parivarvad" (dynastic politics), "pakshpaat" (bias) and "palayan" (exodus) — were dominant and it was only after his party's government came to power in the state, the politics of "vikasvad" (development) started. "What SP and BSP could not do in their regimes, the Yogi government did in five years," he said and listed improved power supply, free electricity connections, toilets, water and food for all and free medical treatment up to ₹5 lakh for all as the accomplishments of the state government.

Invoking Rani Lakshmi Bai and Chhatrasaal in Jalon, the minister said from Mughals to the British, all had bitten the dust in the land of the brave, Bundelkhand.

'BJP can make Punjab drug-free'

Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma on Sunday said people were well aware of the "false promises being made by the rival political parties and exuded confidence that his party would form government in the state. Only the BJP can give a stable government and drug-free state, he said as the party opened its election office in Jalandhar. Union Minister and the BJP's Punjab election in-charge Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union minister Som Parkash and other party leaders were present.

'Girls' dreams bulldozed in UP'

The Congress on Sunday termed UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath "Bulldozernath", or the lord of bulldozers, accusing him of crushing the dreams of the girls who wanted to take party in a marathon organised by it in Lucknow. The Lucknow authorities did not allow the party to hold the race, which was held in Jhansi. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra slammed the government, saying girls won't tolerate it and will fight for their rights.

Nadda in U'khand to review poll preps

Dehradun: BJP national president J P Nadda on Sunday met constituency in-charge of seven districts of Garhwal division of Uttarakhand and reviewed the party's poll preparations. He instructed party workers to go door-to-door to publicise the works of the state and central governments. "People have already made up their mind in the favour of the BJP and we should also work hard to tell them what our government had done for the state as well as the country. We must strive to work right from the booth level," said the BJP president. Nadda reached Dehradun on Sunday morning and was received by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, state BJP president Madan Kaushik and other functionaries.

EXPRESS READ

Terrorist killed in J&K encounter

Srinagar: A terrorist belonging to the Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir (ISJK) outfit, who was involved in the killing of a police officer, was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag, police said on Sunday. The encounter at Srigufwara of south Kashmir began late on Saturday night.

MP panchayat poll may be postponed

Bhopal: The panchayat polls scheduled for 2022 may be postponed, as the state cabinet cleared a proposal on Sunday to withdraw the ordinance for holding the polls. The proposal was approved by the Governor later. The State Election Commission will decide on Monday about postponing the polls.

Booster after 9-12 months of 2nd shot?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THOUGH the process to administer booster doses to frontline and healthcare workers will begin on January 10, beneficiaries may be eligible for it only 9-12 months after the second dose.

Officials in the Union health ministry on Sunday said the blueprint of the precautionary shot in the country's Covid-19 vaccination policy is being worked out and could be announced by Monday.

"From the scientific evidence point of view, it makes sense not to offer the third dose to everyone but to those who are 9-12 months away from their last vaccine dose," said a senior official in the ministry.

"All this will be clear once we come out with the details of the additional vaccination strategy."

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh reported their first Omicron cases on Sunday and Maharashtra recorded 31 new cases, pushing the state's tally to 141, the highest in the country.

Himachal Pradesh's first confirmed Omicron case is a fully vaccinated 45-year-old woman who returned from Canada. In Madhya Pradesh, as many as nine cases have been confirmed among the 26 foreign returnees who recently tested positive for the coronavirus in Indore.

Haryana and Chandigarh, too, reported more cases of the new coronavirus variant on Sunday.

Omicron has pushed several states to reimpose Covid-19 restrictions. On Sunday, the Delhi government decided to bring back the 11 pm to 5 am night curfew. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Karnataka have also reimposed night curfews.

India to manufacture BrahMos so that nobody can cast evil eye on us: Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE intent to manufacture BrahMos missiles is to ward off the hostility of any other country which may have the audacity to cast an evil eye on India, said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the Defence Technologies and Test Centre and the BrahMos Manufacturing Centre in Lucknow.

The BrahMos (designated PJ-10) is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft or land. It is, notably, one of the fastest of its kind in the world.

The defence minister, however, emphasised over the need to maintain nuclear deterrents saying that India was manufacturing the BrahMos missile and other weapons with keeping the 'no first use' policy intact. "We won't attack any country but to defend our people against any nation with hostile intentions, we need ultra modern weaponry," said the defence minister.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at a DRDO expo in Lucknow on Sunday | PTI

The BrahMos Manufacturing Centre is a state-of-art facility to come over an area of 200 acre in Lucknow node of Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.

The other five nodes coming up under the corridor include Agra, Aligarh, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi.

Pastors allege infringement of right to pray

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A local pastor on condition of anonymity said: "This is an infringement of our right to pray and religion and day by day this kind of nuisance is increasing." The police, however, said they didn't get any complaint.

In Assam, a gang of youth caused a ruckus during festivities on Saturday night at a Presbyterian church in Silchar in Cachar. Local media said the youth, who had worn saffron scarfs, manhandled the crowd and beat up one person. The gang told churchgoers that they had no issue with Christmas celebrations, only with Hindus being present. Cachar SP Ramandeep Kaur called it a "small" incident. "We have not received any complaint so far. However, legal procedures against those involved are being taken," she said.

Hardik Patel offers to quit Cong in pitch to youth

Taking up the row over recent question paper leaks of Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board (GSSSB) head clerk examination and Saurashtra University, Gujarat Congress working president Hardik Patel accused the BJP of crushing dreams of youths. He called on youth to express grievances against the ruling party with him. The former Patidar Andolan Anamat Samiti leader appealed to young voters to elect Congress in the 2022 state assembly elections. He asked, "If the youth wants to fight against the government, I am ready to stand with them. If they think that I am in the Congress party and have an agenda, then I am ready to quit. But are they ready to fight?"

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BJP begins exercise to strengthen OBC vote bank

BJP leader Alpesh Thakor launched a padayatra in North Gujarat's Mehsana district on Sunday. Alpesh has been marginalised since his defeat in the by-poll from Radhanpur seat and is back on the prowl. Thakor community-dominated seats of North Gujarat, Radhanpur, Bahucharaji, and Siddhapur, belong to Congress. Following Jagdish Thakor elevated to Congress president, now the BJP has resumed the exercise to woo OBC votes. Alpesh, a leader of Thakor community via his former alliance with the Gujarat OBC Ekta Manch, reached the state assembly for the first time on a Congress ticket in 2017. By the time the Lok Sabha polls came, he defected to the BJP. In the assembly by-poll, he faced defeat and lost due to polarisation of voters from OBCs against him.

Student's innovative PPE wins challenge

Meenu Agarwal, a design student from Surat has won acclaim by creating user-friendly personal protective equipment (PPE) for female sanitation workers to improve their working conditions in Covid frontline operations. She won `25,000 prize at the Design Innovation Challenge organised by the Collective Good Foundation (CGF) for her PPE outfit which offers better productivity and comfort. Sanitation workers of Surat corporation were surveyed by Meenu – along with her classmates from Surat's Institute of Design and Technology (IDT) – to gauge the problems faced by them while.

'Prison Olympics' at Surat's Lajpore jail

A two-day sports festival was organised for the inmates of Lajpore Jail in Surat from December 25 with an intent to maintain good physical and mental health of the inmates. Over 800 inmates participated. Prison inmates enthusiastically participated in various sports. The list of sports items included rope pulling, 100/200/400 metre sprint, volleyball, carrom, chess, sack race, etc. Prison Olympics are part of jail reforms which has been part of Gujarat state government's agenda since a few years. Jails need to work more as correctional centres that prepare prisoners for rehabilitation back into society.

41 killed last week by Islamic extremists in an attack in northern Burkina Faso

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	15	HR	Los Angeles	30	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	7	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	6	5	LR
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	38	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	LC
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	22	19	LC
London	20	10	LC	Washington	27	18	LC

The 'moral compass' of his beloved nation

Desmond Tutu challenged status quo on issues like race, homosexuality and religious doctrine and gave pioneering support for assisted dying

'A LIFE SO WELL LIVED'

Tutu worked passionately, tirelessly and non-violently to tear down apartheid — South Africa's decades-long regime of oppression against its Black majority. In the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Tutu's was "a life so well lived"

1931 He is born in the small town of Klerksdorp, west of Johannesburg. His mother was a domestic worker and father a teacher

1958 Tutu quits school angered by a teaching system that promotes discrimination against Black students. He begins training to become a priest

1961 He is ordained as a priest

1978 Becomes the first Black secretary general of the South African Council of Churches, a highly influential grouping with 15 million members that is active in the struggle against apartheid

1980 Tutu leads a delegation of church leaders to meet PM P W Botha, urging him to end apartheid. Tutu was later arrested for taking part in a protest and had his passport confiscated for the first time

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African anti-apartheid icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu, described as the country's moral compass, died on Sunday aged 90, sparking an outpouring of tributes for the outspoken Nobel Peace Prize winner.

A tireless activist, he won the Swedish prize in 1984 for combatting white minority rule in his country.

"The passing of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu is another chapter of bereavement in our nation's farewell to a generation of outstanding South Africans who have bequeathed us a liberated South Africa," President Cyril Ramaphosa said in a statement.

Famously outspoken, even after the fall of the racist apartheid regime, Tutu never shied away from confronting South Africa's shortcomings or injustices.

DESMOND MPILO TUTU (1931-2021)

"It's a great privilege, it's a great honour that people think that maybe your name can make a small difference," he told AFP shortly before his 80th birthday in 2011. Whether taking on his church over gay rights, lobbying for Palestinian statehood or calling out South Africa's ruling African National Congress on corruption, his high-profile campaigns were thorny and often unwelcome. None at the top were spared — not even his close friend, late president Nelson Mandela, with whom Tutu sparred in 1994 over what he called the ANC's "gravy train mentality".

Yet "the Arch" brought an exuberant playfulness to all his endeavours. Quick to crack jokes — often at his own expense — he was always ready to dance and laugh uproariously with an infectious cackle that became his trademark.

It was Tutu who coined and popularised the term "Rainbow Nation" to describe South Africa when Mandela became president. At the time, Tutu was serving as the first black Anglican archbishop of Cape Town. Ordained at the age of 30 and appointed archbishop in 1986, he used his position to advocate for international sanctions against apartheid, and later to lobby for rights globally. Along the way, he won a host of admirers.

"I believe that God is waiting for the archbishop. He is waiting to welcome Desmond Tutu with open arms," said Mandela. "If Desmond gets to heaven and is denied entry, then none of the rest of us will get in!"

The Dalai Lama called Tutu his "spiritual older brother".

Among Tutu's critics were Zimbabwe's veteran former president Robert Mugabe, who described him as an "evil and embittered little bishop".

Even with his global celebrity, his faith remained an integral part of his life.

His family's road trips included quiet time for prayers, and his missives blasting the evils of apartheid were signed off with "God bless you".

Tutu was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997 and underwent repeated treatment.

He had retired a year earlier to lead a harrowing journey into South Africa's brutal past, as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

For 30 months, the commission lifted the lid on the horrors of apartheid. *AFP*

He was a critical figure in the fight against apartheid and in the struggle to create a new South Africa — and will be remembered for his spiritual leadership and irrepressible good humour

Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister

Mindful of his service to the gospel through the promotion of racial equality and reconciliation in his native South Africa, his holiness commends his soul to the loving mercy of almighty God

Pope Francis

Archbishop Tutu was grounded in the struggle for liberation and justice in his own country, but also concerned with injustice everywhere

Barack Obama, former US president

The world is different because of this man. I don't know how you could meet him and not love him. Even in our profound sorrow we give thanks for a life so well lived

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

1980s Throughout the 1980s — when South Africa was gripped by anti-apartheid violence — Tutu was one of the most prominent Blacks able to speak out against abuses

1984 Wins Nobel Peace Prize for his opposition to apartheid regime. Later, he becomes Johannesburg's 1st black bishop and calls for an embargo against the white-minority regime

1986 He is ordained as the first black Archbishop of Cape Town and head of the Anglican Church for Southern Africa, covering two million followers

1986 Tutu receives the Martin Luther King Jr Peace Prize

1994 Apartheid laws and racial restrictions are lifted

1996 He heads the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that begins hearings into atrocities committed under the previous regime

2007 Helps to found 'The Elders' group of global leaders working for peace and human rights, acting as its chairman until 2013

2009 US President Barack Obama honours Tutu with a Presidential Medal of Freedom

2010 He announces his retirement from public life aged 79

2013 He says he will no longer vote for the African National Congress citing inequality, violence and corruption among other reasons

2013 Tutu voices support for gay rights, famously saying, "I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this"

DEC 26, 2021: TUTU DIES IN CAPE TOWN

CONTROVERSIAL MOVE

Israeli govt approves plan to double settlements in Golan

JERUSALEM

THE Israeli government on Sunday approved a plan that aims to double the number of Jewish settlers in the occupied Golan Heights, the prime minister's office said.

Cabinet endorsed the more than $300 million plan at in a meeting at the Mevo Hama community in the Golan, a territory captured from Syria and which Israel annexed in 1981. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, who held his weekly cabinet meeting at the Mevo Hama community in the Golan on Sunday, vowed this was the "moment" to boost the number of Jewish Israelis living in the territory.

"Our goal is to double the population in the Golan," the right-wing Bennett said as he presented his one billion shekel ($317 million) programme to improve housing, transportation, tourism and medical facilities in the area.

Around 25,000 Israeli settlers live in the Golan Heights.Israel annexed the territory on December 14, 1981, in a move not recognised by most of the international community. *AFP*

WOMEN SHOULDN'T GO ON ROAD TRIPS WITHOUT ESCORT: TALIBAN

KABUL

TALIBAN authorities said on Sunday that women seeking to travel long distances should not be offered road transport unless they are accompanied by a close male relative. The guidance issued by the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice drew condemnation from rights activists and called on vehicle owners to refuse rides to women not wearing headscarves.

The move follows the Taliban barring many women in public-sector roles from returning to work in the wake of their August 15 seizure of power, and as girls remain largely cut off from state secondary schooling.

It also comes despite the hardline Islamists seeking to project a moderate image internationally in a bid to restore aid suspended when the previous government imploded during the final stages of a US military withdrawal. "Women travelling for more than 45 miles (72 km) should not be offered a ride if they are not accompanied by a close family member," ministry spokesman Sadeq Akif Muhajir told AFP on Sunday. *AFP*

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This is to inform General Public, my Client **J. VIJAYA KUMARI,** aged about 56 years, W/o Late S.T. Kempanna, residing at No. 19A, 24/1, 10th C Main Road, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011, Mobile No. 9880228790, Aadhaar No. 8956 2397 2982 is the owner of Property bearing No. 19A, 24/1, 10th C Main Road, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011, PID No. 62/136/19A, Municipal No. 19/A/24, Lalbagh Siddapura Village, Bangalore, measuring 17 + 8/2 X 23.12 East by : Thimmaiah's House, West by : Road, North by : Ramaiah's House, South by : Property of Krishnappa.

My client hereby declares that the above said property previous deed i.e., **PALUPATTI** (Entered between S.T. Kempanna, Nagaraj and C. Chandrappa) dated **27-08-1997,** the said Palupatti attested by Notary Public Sundardas, Advocate and Notary and Same Property Original **SALE DEED** document No. **1161/1984-85** pages 31-35, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore are lost/misplaced, within the limits of Siddapura Police Station, Bangalore, in this behalf registered online complaint dated 20-12-2021, Vide Lost Report No. 0116488/2021, Serial No. 116488 and after thorough search they have not been able to trace out the original documents and as such through this Public Notice they have confirmed that the above said original documents have been lost.

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SHIVANNA, Advocate
No.24, 12th Main Road, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, (Near Sub-Registrar Office), BANGALORE-560 011.
Bangalore, Date: 24-12-2021

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Public notice is hereby given that our client **Sri Deepak Dhandayutham** and **Sri Vivek Ramamoorthy** intends to purchase "All that piece and parcel of **Municipal No.4, PID.No.54-101-4, measuring East to West: (24.1 meters + 24.2 Meters)/2** and **North to South:15.1 Meters, in all measuring 364.66 Meters (3925.20 Sq. Ft.) situated at 80 Feet Road, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, (Corporation ward No.54) Bangalore,** together with building and all fixtures and fittings and bounded on: East by Site Bearing No.09, West by 80 Feet Road, North by Site Bearing No.05 and South by Site bearing No.03, from **M/s.Chaithanya Developers, the present owner, represented by Sri Sri Sanath Babu and Sri A R Prasad** the Managing Partners, Authorised signatories and GPA holders for sale of said property for a valuable consideration.

Any person/s, including legal heirs, having any claim, rights , title, interest or objections over the said property, shall inform the undersigned in writing with supporting proof ***within 3 days*** from the date of publication of this notice or else the transaction shall be concluded by getting the sale deed executed in favour of my client and the objections received later than 3 days will not be entertained, which you may please take note.

Sd/-
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Dated: 26.12.2021 Place: Bengaluru

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My client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule from its owner **1. SRI. ANIL KUMAR,** AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, **2. SMT. MANGALA GOWRI,** AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS, **3. SRI. SUNIL KUMAR,** All are children's of S/O LATE LAKKAPPA and Late MADEVI, AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS, All are R/AT. NO. 20/22, OLD NO. 21/63. M. CROSS ROAD, NEW GURAPANAPALYA DRC POST BANGALORE-29.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute. Asserting any rights, claim or charge in the schedule property, having any claim against the property/or its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within 07 DAYS from this public Notice. With all documentary proof/s on which they are basing and assert their rights over the property there of after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITE BEARING NO. 21, HOUSE No.21/63, NEW MUNICIPAL NO. 21/63, KATHA NO.21/63, IN SY NO.63, SITUATED AT THAVAREKERE VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK. BBMP OLD WARD-64, NEW NO. 171, AT PRESENT "M" CROSS ROAD, NEW GURAPANAPALYA BANGALORE-29. TOTALLY MEASURING 1288 SQ FEET. EAST TO WEST 28 FEET, NORTH TO SOUTH 46 FEET. WITH HOUSE GROUND FLOOR AND FIRST FLOOR. BOUNDED ON **EAST BY:** PROPERTY NO.22, **WEST BY:** PRIVATE PROPERTY, **NORTH BY:** ROAD/PRESENT M CROSS ROAD, SOUTH BY: SITE No.20.

S. Rasheed Sab, Advocate
NO. 45, 6TH B CROSS, BALAJINAGAR DRC POST, BANGALORE-29.
Mobile: 09448569509.9740893190
Dated.24.12.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that my client has contracted to purchase the property described in the schedule given hereunder from its owner **Sri A.S.Muralidhar,** S/o Sathyanarayana Setty.A, residing at No.347, 12th Cross, 8th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 011, which he has purchased from erstwhile owner Sri M.L.Shamanna and his family members through a registered Sale Deed dated 10:03:2008.

Anybody having any claim over the schedule property may please lodge their objections in writing along with documents to the undersigned, within **15 days** from today. If no objections are received to the intended sale transaction within the said time, sale will be completed and no claim in respect of the schedule property will be entertained thereafter from anybody.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.123,** measuring 1.00 acre, situated at **Doddacheemanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** with the following common boundaries:-

East by : Land in Sy.No.124;
West by : Lingadheeragollahalli Sy.No.111;
North by : Kundana village boundary;
South by : Land in Sy.No.121.

R.MARE GOWDA, B.Sc., LL.B.,Advocate
RMG LAW CHAMBERS
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Cell : 98456 64747, 94804 50845

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that my client has contracted to purchase the property described in the schedule given hereunder from its owner **Sri S.Ramesh Magar,** S/o late.K.Shivaji Rao Magar, residing at No.89, 3rd Main, 7th Block, 4th Phase, Banashankar 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560 085, which he has purchased from erstwhile owner Sri Shiva Swamynath through a registered Sale Deed dated 11:11:2020.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.125,** measuring 1.00 acre, situated at **Doddacheemanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** with the following common boundaries:-

East by : Land in Sy.No.126;
West by : Land in Sy.No.124;
North by : Kundana village boundary;
South by : Land in Sy.No.122.

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This is to notify that my client has contracted to purchase the property described in the schedule given hereunder from its owner **Sri K.M.Kiran Kumar,** S/o K.L.Mylaralinga Setty, residing at No.52, Puneeth Nivas, 1st Main, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Maruthinagar, Bangalore 560 072, which he has purchased from erstwhile owner Sri M.L.Shamanna and his family members through a registered Sale Deed dated 10:03:2008.

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All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.124,** measuring 1.00 acre, situated at **Doddacheemanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** with the following common boundaries:-

East by : Land in Sy.No.125;
West by : Land in Sy.No.123;
North by : Kundana village boundary;
South by : Land in Sy.No.121.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.126/1,** measuring 0.13 guntas, situated at **Doddacheemanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** with the following common boundaries:-

East by : Land in Sy.No.127;
West by : Land in Sy.No.125;
North by : Kundana village boundary;
South by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.126.

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ANNEXURE 'A'

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:	Address of the Branch:
Name: Smt. A Kundhavai	**RASMEC Hosur Branch**
E-mail Id: kundhavai@sbi.co.in	Sri Vaari Building, Plot No.2
Mobile No: 9444094572	SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase-I,
Land Line No.	Zuzuvadi, (Opp. Ashok Leyland) **Hosur-635 126**
(Office): 04344-277714	Phone:04344-277714 Email: sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

"APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of FinancialAssets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that thebelow described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructivepossession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 03.02.2022, for recovery Rs. 86,68,603.00 (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Three Only) as on 23.12.2021 and further interest at contractual rate from 24.12.2021with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor from **Shri.Vinod Kumar J,** # 7, 2nd Cross, Rama Tent Road, Venkateshpuram, Opp. SatyaSeva School, Bangalore–560045. Thereservepricewillbe Rs.84,21,000.00 (Rupees Eighty Four lakhsTwenty one thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 8,42,100.00 (Rupees Eight lakhs Forty Two thousand and One hundred only). Last date for Earnest Money Deposit is 01/02/2022.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/RASMEC/HOSUR/005/2021-22

Nameofthetitledeed holder:Shri. Vinod Kumar J

Schedule A Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing northern portion of Site No.4, Khatha No.46/1/4, Property No.46/1, situated at Ayyappanagara, Hoodi, KrishnarajapuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) ward No.54, Previously under the limits of Mahadevapura CMC ward no.12, Bangalore measuring

East to West : 40 ft,
North to South : 18 ft,

In all measuring 720 Sq.ft, and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.9,
North by : Site No.5,
South by : Southern portion of same Site No.4, belongs to Sri. Safi.

Schedule B Property

The Schedule property consists of 6.5 Squares in Ground floor, 6.5 Squares in First floor, 6.5 Squares in Second floor, 5 Squares in Third floor, RCC roofed house constructed with brick and cement mortar, vitrified tiles flooring, Honne wood doors and windows with all civic amenities.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in.

Date: :23/12/2021 **Sd/-**
Place: Hosur **Authorized Officer**

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:	Address of the Branch:
Name: Smt. A Kundhavai	**RASMEC Hosur Branch**
E-mail Id: kundhavai@sbi.co.in	Sri Vaari Building, Plot No.2
Mobile No: 9444094572	SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase-I,
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/RASMEC/HOSUR/001/2021-22

Name of the title deed holder: Sri. Carl Christopher David, S/o David Prabhakar

Schedule A Property

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Site No 12 & 13 Khatha No.555/603, situated at G.M.Palya , K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East, measuring from East to West: 80 feet and North to South: 60 feet, totally measuring 4,800 Sq.ft and bounded on:

East by : Property of Late Sri.Nagarathnamma
West by : Property of the vendors
North by : Private Property
South by : Road

Schedule B Property

An undivided share of 4 percent in the Schedule-A Property equivalent to 192 Sq. Ft and the Apartment No.B-403 BBMP Bearing BBMP Khatha No.555/603-B-403, measuring 1,050 Sq. Ft. constructed on the 4th Floor of the multi-storied building known as 'AISHWARYA RESIDENCY'. The schedule premises consists of Two Bedrooms with a balcony, Hall come dinning, Kitchen with 2 toilets with standard fittings and fixtures. The apartment is situated on the 4th Floor on its East by: Open to Sky, West by: Flat No.B-401 & B-402, North by: Open to sky and South by: Flat B.404.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://bankeauctions.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in.

Date: :20/12/2021 **Sd/-**
Place: Hosur **Authorized Officer**

OMICRON AND FINANCES: WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

RAJAS KELKAR

THERE is panic across financial markets. Amidst the holiday season, anxiety levels are rising among businesses. The latest variant of the Covid-19 virus, Omicron, is spreading fast and forcing local administrations in cities and states to introduce lockdowns again. The number of new Covid-19 infections are surging in the US and Europe. In India, states like Maharashtra and Delhi are witnessing a rising number of new cases.

There is a rise in the consumer price inflation rate on the one hand. On the other hand, concerns over future economic growth are growing. Stock markets have reacted immediately, by falling 10-12% off the peak value. The so-called intelligent investors are pulling money out of risky assets and would like to wait and watch.

What to watch out

There is no significant change for someone who is a saver and likes to put money into fixed income instruments like fixed deposits or government-sponsored public deposit schemes. Interest rates will hold firm but are unlikely to change significantly on your fixed deposits. The Reserve Bank of India is unlikely to make any meaningful changes in borrowing rates for banks. That effectively means your savings would generate the same return as the year gone by.

The worry for you is inflation. The return offered by fixed deposits would barely cover your inflation. Retail inflation is the highest in six months. However, the rapid spread of Omicorn means concerns over economic growth would prevail. There is a minor improvement in the credit to the industry, but the demand is not that high to impact interest rates. The government has also curbed borrowing this year. As such, there is no pressure on interest rates to go up. The RBI's monetary policy committee is watching the inflation like a hawk but continues to adopt an 'accommodative' stance on growth.

All that means the value of money could erode faster due to inflation, and your fixed income return would remain the same as last year.

If you are a regular investor in a systematic investment plan of equity mutual funds, you need not make significant changes to your strategy. The month-on-month data shows that investors are taking a liking for index funds. They mirror the returns given by benchmark indices like the Sensex or Nifty or other broader indices. That is an excellent addition to your portfolio of schemes. Equity mutual funds and index funds offer market-linked returns. Most analysts are bullish about equity markets in the year ahead despite high inflation. When investing in mutual funds, you are essentially putting your savings to work for your long-term financial goals. There is no need to churn them just because the market has short-term volatility.

If you are a direct investor in the stock market and have started trading and investing this year, you need to tread cautiously. The market is volatile, which is likely to continue in the short term. Foreign portfolio investors are virtually absent from the market due to holidays overseas.

Many gains in the Indian equity markets see active foreign investor participation. You may see lower trading volume and sharper price movements, with this category almost absent. Any reaction in the market to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in Mumbai and the National Capital Region could be sharper than usual. It may not be a good time to time the market unless share prices fall sharply. Today's prices are a function of tomorrow's profits. You need to look for signals that can affect the future growth of businesses. There are signs of improvement in the economic activity in November 2021.

In many months, the purchase manager index or PMI composite index is at the highest level. That indicates businesses in the manufacturing and services sectors would spend more money procuring supplies. Any growth in that number is usually considered an expansion of the economic activity. The only worry, for now, is that you may face a situation where local governments enforce lockdowns. If people go back to working from home, stop going out, we may have a few more months of slow economic activity. For the short term, brace yourself for volatility in the stock market.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

The worry for you is inflation.

Brace yourself for these new rules around your money

Several goods, services will get expensive as GST rates on them would go up

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ NEW DELHI

MOST of the bankers must have received notice from their banks on tokenisation, saying that from January onwards, when you make the first payment to any merchant, you will need to give him/her your consent with an additional factor of authentication (AFA). Once done, you will complete the payment by keying in your card's CVV and OTP.

While two days back, the Reserve Bank of India deferred implementation of tokenisation for six months till June, 2022, there are many new rules including higher charge for ATM transaction, new EPF rule and others which will be effective from January 1 which will have an impact on your personal finances.

New Charges for ATM Withdrawal

Be ready to shell out more money on ATM transactions if you exceed the free ATM transaction limit from January 1, 2022. This rule comes after the RBI order that permitted banks to increase charges for cash and non-cash ATM transactions beyond the free monthly permissible limit. This will go up to ₹21 per transaction. So, you can do five transactions from your own Bank ATM and three free transactions from other bank's ATM. The move will certainly hurt those who deals in cash and need to withdraw cash frequently.

India Post

If you have an account in India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) then you will have to bear charges on depositing cash in your accounts from next year, if they exceed the prescribed limit. In the savings (other than Basic SA) and current accounts, the cash deposits will be free up to ₹10,000 per month and thereafter, a charge of 0.50% of the value subject to minimum ₹25 per transaction will be levied.

New EPF Rule

Employees Provident Fund (EPF) account holders will need to add a nominee by December 31. If this is not done, the employees will lose on several benefits from January 1 onwards. For instance, only, nominated members can withdraw the EPF savings in the event of subscribers' sudden demise. Subscribers can nominate more than one nominee and also fix the percentage of sharing among all such nominees. One can do it online but for that, EPF subscribers must have an active Universal Account Number (UAN) and Aadhaar details should have been seeded to their EPF account.

New GST rules

Several goods and services are going to get expensive the new year as GST rates on them would go up. In order to mitigate the inverted duty structure, many goods like textile, footwear would attract 12% GST against 5% now.

Food delivery by Swiggy, Zomato will also get costlier from 1 January as users will have to pay 5% GST on delivery from these Apps. Earlier, no GST was levied on food delivery apps, but now these apps will have to collect and deposit GST with the government, instead of what is currently done by the restaurants. Also, GST will be leviable on services provided by club or association to its members retrospectively from 1 July 2017. For businesses, now they will require to be extra careful in filling GST return. From January 1, GST officers can directly initiate recovery action against errant businesses that show higher sales in monthly return GSTR-1 but under-report it while tax payment in GSTR-3B. This means that GSTR -3B and GSTR-1 should match with each other, and no differences should be permitted in the same irrespective of the reasons. Centre government says that this will prevent underreported GST returns. Also from January 1, Aadhaar authentication of registration will be mandatory for being eligible for filing refund claim and application for revocation of cancellation of registration by GST assesses.

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MONEY-WISE

YEAR END ROUND UP - HYBRID EQUITY FUNDS

Last fortnight we had focused on the performances of an assortment of equity funds across categories. This fortnight, we shall shift the focus to Hybrid Equity Funds that are better suited to mid-investment life-cycle stage investors. Featured here are a time-tested Hybrid Aggressive Fund, two Balanced Advantage Funds with contrasting styles and an Equity Savings Fund whose management responsibility has now been thrust on an incoming fund manager with a good track record.

ICICI Prudential Equity and Debt Fund is a Hybrid Aggressive fund with an AUM of ₹18,967 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 75% in Equity and 25% in Debt and Cash equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Energy, Financial and Communication sectors. The debt holdings include Government Securities and Debentures with AA credit rating. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 46.07%, 20.55% and 15.56% respectively.

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ASHOK KUMAR
Head of LKW-India. He can be reached at ceolotus@hotmail.com

Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund is a hybrid fund that comes under the sub-category of Dynamic Asset Allocation with an AUM of ₹6,271 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 45% in pure Equity, 35% in Arbitrage and 20% in Debt and Cash equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Financial, Technology and Energy sectors. The debt holdings include Government Securities, Commercial Paper and Debenture with A1+ and AAA credit rating. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 21.66%, 16.70% and 14.37% respectively.

ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage Fund is a Hybrid fund that comes under the sub-category Dynamic Asset Allocation with an AUM of ₹37,348 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 34% in pure Equity 31% In Arbitrage and 35% in Debt and Cash equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Financial, Energy and Automobile sectors. The debt holdings include Government Securities and Treasury Bills. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 16.94%, 13.33% and 11.52% respectively.

L&T Equity Savings Fund is a Hybrid fund that comes under the sub-category Equity Savings with an AUM of ₹150 Crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 20% in Equity, 45% in Arbitrage and 35% in Debt and Cash equivalents. Its top equity holdings are in the Financial and Technology sectors. The debt holdings include Government Securities and Debentures. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-year and 5-year time period is 17.74%, 10.34% and 8.41% respectively.

While these hybrid funds carry lower risk than pure equity funds and hence deliver lower returns in a bull market of the kind witnessed since April 2020, their real utility is seen in a sharply down-trending market where their inherent structure cushions investors from going into a free-fall. Hence, this category definitely merits the attention of investors and especially from the mid-investment life-cycle stage group, while constructing their portfolios.

Investments into cryptos, tech beat Nifty, gold returns

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

INDIANS who invested in overseas tech stocks like Tesla, Google, etc. and cryptos over the past year have earned superior returns to many residents who invested in exchange traded funds or ETFs on benchmarks like the Nifty, Bank Nifty Nifty Midcap 100, bank FDs, gold and the benchmark 10-year government bond.

FANG refers to Facebook, Apple, Netflix and Google. The depreciation of the local currency unit boosts the returns of the overseas stock or other investments.

The comparison excludes realty and direct investments into stocks like Tata Motors, Hindalco, Vedanta, SBI or midcaps like Navin Fluorine. MCX gold, silver and crude are derivatives mirroring contracts traded on COMEX and NYMEX. They are traded on Sebi regulated MCX and denominated in rupees.

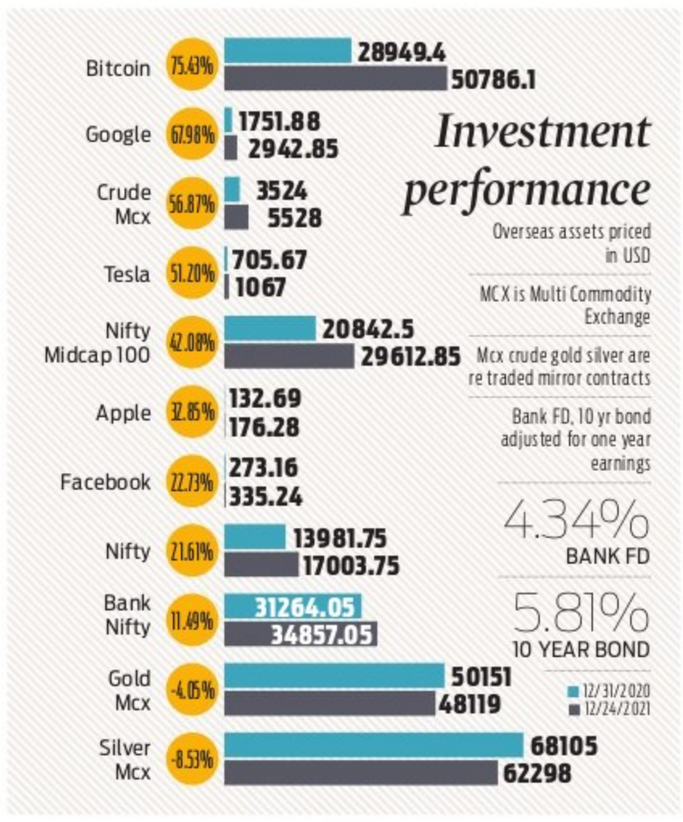
The stellar outperformer among 18 assets under review is the controversial Bitcoin, which returned 75%, followed by Google (68%), MCX crude, which mirrors the Nymex crude contract (57%), Tesla (51%), Nifty Midcap 100 (42%), as per data compiled by Rohit Srivastava, founder, IndiaCharts, from December 31 last year through December 23/24 of 2021. The investment in overseas assets is under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), which permits resident individuals, including minors, to invest up to $250,000 each per year in overseas assets such as shares, property etc. but not in any derivatives, proscribed magazines, foreign exchange transactions abroad, among others.

The fate of cryptos depends on the government passing The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, which though expected, didn't happen in the Winter Session of Parliament.

Till clarity emerges, experts caution investors against fresh investments.

"Pending the passage and the form of the cryptocurrency bill, uncertainty lingers on issues such as tax treatment, etc," said Chirag M Shah, Of counsel, Mansukhlal Hiralal & Co. "It is expedient therefore for those wanting to make fresh investments to await the bill's passage."

Many central bankers are averse to cryptos being used as alternate currencies and lack of depositories over which they could exercise control.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Current Price ₹3,671

Target Price ₹4,220

TCS

TCS has underperformed its peers in the last one year and is available at 20% valuation discount to its Tier 2 peers for the first time. This should reverse as growth starts to normalise and on increased aggression to gain market share. We expect TCS to benefit from demand tailwinds and deliver a ~14% revenue CAGR over FY21-24E.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

RBL Bank MD & CEO steps down

New Delhi: RBL Bank's Vishawvir Ahuja has stepped down as MD & CEO of the bank, and the bank has appointed Rajeev Ahuja as as the interim Managing Director and CEO of the bank with immediate effect. The Reserve Bank of India has also appointed its Chief General Manager Yogesh K Dayal as an additional director on the board of RBL Bank.

India Inc raises ₹9 L cr through equity, others

New Delhi: Indian companies have mopped up more than ₹9 lakh crore through equity and debt routes in 2021 in a buoyant stock market brimming with liquidity. Unless the still-evolving Omicron situation plays spoilsport, the next year is expected to be much more robust in terms of fund-raising activities and there seems to be no dearth of funds, experts said.

Weekly outlook: Market correction could resume from Monday

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

THE Nifty could be under pressure early this week with a technical sell signal received on Friday, which witnessed the index close below the low of the previous day. Bank Nifty, which has underperformed the Nifty, could also correct.

The Nifty rose three straight sessions from last Monday's low of 16410 only to snap its gains on Friday. Derivatives data indicates an immediate 16740-17260 range for Nifty, which closed at 17003.75 on Friday. The Bank Nifty range, based on the same data, is at 34275-35300. Bank Nifty weekly closing was 34857.05.

Analysts expect both the indices to trend lower amid rising inflationary pressures and concerns of the global economic recovery getting stalled by rising Omicron cases.

"We are in both a short and medium-term downtrend and unless the signal is reversed we could see Nifty testing 16410," said Hormuz Maloo, director, AFco Investments. The Nifty is off its record high (October 19) of 18604.45 by 8.6% while the Bank Nifty is down from its record high of 41829.6 on October 25 by 17%. The recent low was 16410 last Monday.

"Rising Inflationary pressures have forced global central banks like the US Fed to trim its bond buying programme and to pencil in more aggressive interest rate hikes, which is negative for emerging markets," said Sunil Pachisia, VP, Pratibhuti Viniyog. Foreign inflows into the Indian cash market stand at a negative ₹28790 crore in the fiscal year to date. In the previous fiscal, they net purchased shares worth a record ₹2.74 lakh crore, which catapulted Indian shares to stratospheric levels from its March 2020 low of 7510.

Individual investor interest is also at a peak, with individual investment into equity schemes of mutual funds at over ₹16 lakh crore as of November 2021, a jump of 55% from the comparative month last year.

Shapovalov tests Covid positive ahead of ATP Cup

SYDNEY: Canada's Denis Shapovalov has announced he has tested positive for Covid-19 after arriving in Sydney for the ATP Cup. The 22-year-old is part of Canada's team for the team-based tournament in Sydney from January 1-9 ahead of the Australian Open.

RAHUL, KLASS PERSONIFIED

Opener's unbeaten century on opening day of first Test puts India in a commanding position against South Africa

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

BOXING Day Tests have been a mixed experience for KL Rahul. In 2014, he received his India cap in Melbourne. Four years later, he saw himself warming the bench with his friend Mayank Agarwal taking his spot at the same venue.

In 2021, Rahul continued his renaissance in red-ball cricket with his seventh Test century, which has enabled India start the South Africa tour in a commanding note like never before as they were 272-3 at stumps in Centurion on Sunday.

For a player who was earmarked for great things, Rahul now seems to be well on course to live-up to the billing. Not the first-choice opener when the Test series in England began, an injury to Shubman Gill gave him an opening and Rahul has grabbed it with both hands. Like he showed during the English summer, the noticeable difference in Rahul's batting has been his discipline around the channel and his measured foot-work which has allowed him to play as close to the body as possible. These traits were evident at Centurion too, where in the company of Agarwal (60), he first got the visitors off to a good start in the first session by adding 83 runs and then built on in it in the second session with Virat Kohli (35) and Ajinkya Rahane (40 batting). Cheteshwar Pujara's struggles continued as he was dismissed for a first-ball zero.

Winning the toss and batting first, given Indian middle-order's lean patch, the onus was on openers to give a good start. And right from the moment they walked in, the Karnataka duo looked every bit ready for the challenge. Centurion is not the easiest place for openers. If the spongy bounce on offer wasn't enough, overnight rains had left a bit of moisture on the pitch, making it all the more difficult. All it needed was discipline and ruthlessness in punishing the bad balls. "The plan was to show discipline. Play only those deliveries on stumps and leave as much as possible," Agarwal said. "We had good training sessions where we could get a feel of the conditions and the situations we would encounter. He (head coach Rahul Dravid) was clear about when you play in South Africa, you wont look good all the time, but it is all about sticking to plans and waiting for opportunities to score. Really glad we could do well in first session," he said.

KL Rahul celebrates his century on day one of the first Test against South Africa at Centurion | AFP

SCOREBOARD

India , first innings: Rahul 122 (batting), Agarwal lbw Ngidi 60, Pujara c Petersen b Ngidi 0, Kohli c Mulder b Ngidi 35, Rahane 40 (batting) **Extras** (b 4, lb 4, nb 7) **Total** (3 wickets, 90 overss) 272/3 **FOW:** 1-117, 2-117, 3-199.

Bowling: Rabada 20-5-51-0, Ngidi 17-4-45-3, Jansen 17-4-61-0, Mulder 18-3-49-0, Maharaj 18-2-58-0.

Their job was made easier by a South African attack that appeared rusty. Having played only five Tests this year Kagiso Rabada and Lungi Ngidi took time to find rhythm and pace. In the first session and even in the early part of the second, they were clocking only in the mid-130kmph range. In that sense, the host's decision to omit Duanne Olivier, leading wicket-taker in their four-day event this year, raised eyebrows. It didn't help that Wiaan Mulder, and debutant, Marco Jansen, were also flat. All India had to do was spend time in the middle as once the new ball lost its shine, there were runs for the taking. And the openers ensured a strong foundation was laid, stitching 117 runs together.

Though India lost Agarwal and Pujara in successive balls to Ngidi, Rahul, who by now was fully settled, ensured he converted into a ton. He showed wonderful poise in the middle. When the ball kicked off the surface, found his edge, loose hands meant it didn't carry to the close in fielders. Even when he reached his hundred, celebrations were measured, aware of the task ahead. Kohli looked good during his knock only to undo it by chasing a delivery wide of off-stump. Under- pressure, Rahane showed no signs of nerves, playing cracking drives in what was a confidence-inducing stay as India ended the day on a strong note as they began.

History for Himachal in Vijay Hazare Trophy

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

IF you'd asked anyone in the Tamil Nadu camp halfway through the Vijay Hazare Trophy final against Himachal Pradesh, they would have been happy and confident about the score on board. But, a bunch of youngsters, led by the energetic Rishi Dhawan, stunned the cricket aficionados, beating Tamil Nadu to bag the coveted 50-over Trophy — their first major title across formats — at Jaipur on Sunday.

Himachal needed 16 runs to win off 15 balls when play was suspended due to bad light. The Dhawan-led side were 299 for 4 in 47.3 overs when they were declared winners per the VJD Method as they were 11 runs ahead. Thus, Himachal cut short Tamil Nadu's bid for a record-extending sixth title.

Chasing a mammoth 315, Himachal's cause was well served by Shubham Arora, who made an unbeaten 136, along with Amit Kumar's valuable 74. One cannot forget Rishi Dhawan's quick fire 42 off 23 balls that brought his side closer to the target. He led the team to a fairy tale finish and it is only fair to say that they deserved the title for their perseverance.

"It was long pending (title) and we've finally done it. Really happy," said Dhawan after the match. "We had played a few games here (Jaipur), so we knew that the pitch was good and the outfield was very quick, so if we batted deep, we could chase it down. I was telling Shubham not to take any pressure, just get a single and I'll handle the pressure."

When you are set a target of 300 plus in a final, it is imperative that at least two batters contribute with a big score and stay till the end. Arora played his role to perfection. He used his feet well against Tamil Nadu spinners and was judicious in his shot selection against Sandeep Warrier and R Silambarasan. His 148-run stand with Amit completely blunted Tamil Nadu hopes of making a comeback into the game. Earlier, Tamil Nadu managed to post a challenging total, thanks to Dinesh Kathik's 116. Baba Indrajith, who made 80, was a perfect foil to him as they revived the innings from 40/4 to 242/5.

Brief scores: TN 314 in 49.4 ovs (Karthik 116, Indrajith 80; Jaswal 4/59) lost to **HP** 299/4 in 47.3 ovs (Arora 136 n.o, Kumar 74, Dhawan 42 n.o) (VJD method).

England's hopes in tatters after Day 1

AFP @ Melbourne

ENGLAND crashed to 185 all out on day one of the third Test on Sunday, leaving their Ashes dreams on the brink of ruin in the face of a relentless Australian attack.

After heavy defeats in Brisbane and Adelaide, the visitors must win in Melbourne to keep the five-Test series alive, with Australia only needing a draw to retain the urn as holders.

But those hopes took a near-fatal blow as Australia ripped through England's flimsy batting, with only captain Joe Root (50) and Jonny Bairstow (35) showing resistance. England was 61-3 at lunch. By tea, the tourists were in serious trouble at 128-6, having lost the key wicket of skipper Root. England's resistance with the bat lasted just 65.1 overs.

Australian skipper Pat Cummins and spin king Nathan Lyon both took 3-36.

Brief scores: England 185 in 65.1 ovs (Root 50, Bairstow 35; Cummins 3/36) vs Australia 61/1 in 16 ovs (Warner 38).

EXPRESS READ

Delhi hold Gujarat to 24-24 tie in PKL

BENGALURU: A last-second blunder from Ravinder Pahal allowed Dabang Delhi's Naveen Kumar to secure a raid point and hold Gujarat Lions to 24-24 tie in Pro Kabaddi League. Delhi's star raider once again secured a Super 10 (11 points), but they were lucky to escape with a tie after another match filled with mistakes.

CA calls police after drug report leak

MELBOURNE: Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley said it has got police involved after a confidential report on alleged drug use by a "well-known" player was leaked to media. Hockley dubbed the allegations on the former player "unsubstantiated" and "historical".

Blasters settle for draw

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

KERALA Blasters and Jamshedpur FC played out a cagey 1-1 draw in their Indian Super League encounter at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco on Sunday. Greg Stewart's exquisite free-kick in the 14th minute was cancelled out by Sahal Abdul Samad's opportunistic strike in 27th minute as the two teams split the points. The result sees Jamshedpur stay second in the table while Blasters remain on third while being level on points with Owen Coyle's men.

All eyes were on this much-awaited contest between two in-form sides. Blasters have looked transformed under Ivan Vukomanovic, and with each passing game, the Kochi-outfit has looked to be getting better and climbing up the table.

After massive victories over Mumbai City FC and Chennaiyin FC, they faced yet another tough test in the form of Jamshedpur and what was at stake was an opportunity to go level on points with league leaders Mumbai at the summit.

Jamshedpur were not going to give up their position easily as Coyle's side have been a well-rounded unit themselves with good form behind them and it was a cagey battle where both sides ended up cancelling each other out.

9 takes on 11 in I-League opening day

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RAJASTHAN United FC's journey to the I-League felt like a fairytale story, but reality hit hard even before their historic first game of the campaign after being hit by issues involving player registration.

The Jaipur-based team, who made it to the tournament after winning the qualifying meet in October, could only start with nine players against RoundGlass Punjab FC due to the issue on Sunday. The team put up a spirited effort but lost 0-2.

"RUFC qualified for the I-league on the basis of winning the qualifiers in October this year. An extended qualifiers season meant that the club couldn't sign new players after qualifying for the I-league since registration had already closed for the players," said the club in a statement. The club said that it was down to 'errant decision making' from their part that brought forth this situation

Results: TRAU **0-0** Indian Arrows; Gokulam **1-0** Churchill; Rajasthan **0-2** Punjab.

Goals aplenty as City, Arsenal & Spurs post wins

AFP @ Manchester

MANCHESTER City powered six points clear at the top of the Premier League after quashing Leicester's comeback bid in a pulsating 6-3 win on Sunday. Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur also had a happy outing as they posted wins. While Arsenal beat Norwich 5-0, Tottenham beat Crystal Palace 3-0.

Man City scored four times in the opening 25 minutes of a Christmas cracker at the Etihad Stadium. Kevin De Bruyne struck first before Riyad Mahrez converted a penalty. Ilkay Gundogan bagged City's third and Raheem Sterling scored a penalty of his own.

James Maddison, Ademola Lookman and Kelechi Iheanacho all netted for Leicester in the space of just 10 minutes early in the second half.

But Aymeric Laporte killed off the visitors' hopes of an incredible escape act by heading City's fifth goal before Sterling scored again in the final minutes. It was the highest scoring match in the top-flight on Boxing Day since Manchester United won 6-3 against Oldham in 1991. With second placed Liverpool's match against Leeds on Sunday postponed due to the coronavirus, City were able to extend their lead over their main title rivals. Pep Guardiola's champions have won nine successive league games, scoring 17 goals in their last three matches as they end 2021 in scintillating style.

City's 4-0 win against Newcastle last weekend made them the first top-flight team to win 34 league games in a calendar year. A 36th league victory at Brentford on Wednesday would send City into the new year firmly cemented as title favourites. Phil Foden and Jack Grealish were again among the substitutes after irking Guardiola with their off-field antics, while Rodri, John Stones and Kyle Walker were absent from the matchday squad altogether.

Guardiola's rotation worked perfectly as City made a blistering start, taking the lead in the fifth minute. Bernardo Silva found Fernandinho and his chipped pass reached De Bruyne, who deftly controlled with his first touch before curling a fine finish past Kasper Schmeichel from inside the Leicester area.

Results: Manchester City **6-3** Leicester; Norwich **0-5** Arsenal; Tottenham **3-0** Crystal Palace; West Ham **2-3** Southampton.

Manchester City's Ilkay Gundogan (R) scores his team's third goal against Leicester City at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, on Sunday | AFP

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Top US pandemic advisor Anthony Fauci on Sunday acknowledged a Covid "testing problem" as the Omicron strain overwhelms the nation, and he vowed to make more tests available to Americans next month

"One of the problems is that that's not going to be totally available to everyone until we get to January, and there are still some issues now of people having trouble getting tested," Fauci told ABC talk show *This Week*

NASA to hire 24 theologians for people's pulse

The US space agency needs help to assess how humans will react if they find alien life

SPACE

A day before NASA launched its much-delayed James Webb deep space exploration telescope, news emerged that it was hiring 24 theologians for help with assessing how humans will react if alien life is found on other planets and how the discovery could impact our ideas of gods and creation. The agency is hiring the theologians to take part in its programme at the Center for Theological Inquiry (CTI) at Princeton University in New Jersey, which NASA gave a $1.1 million grant to in 2014, the Daily Mail reported.

CTI is described as building 'bridges of under understanding by convening theologians, scientists, scholars, and policymakers to think together - and inform public thinking - on global concerns.' The programme aims to answer questions that have baffled us since the begging of time such as what is life? What does it mean to be alive? Where do we draw the line between the human and the alien?

Now that NASA has two rovers on Mars, several probes orbiting Jupiter and Saturn and is set to launch the James Web Telescope tomorrow that study galaxy, star and planet formation in the universe, it seems that the agency is hopeful it is on the right path to discovering life outside of Earth.

And it needs a little help from above to help those of us living below to understand if that happens. The Rev Dr Andrew Davison, a priest and theologian at the University of Cambridge with a doctorate in biochemistry from Oxford, is among 24 theologians, The Times reports. "Religious traditions would be an important feature in how humanity would work through any such confirmation of life elsewhere," Davidson shared in a blog on the University of Cambridge site.

Because of that, it features as part of NASA's ongoing aim to support work on 'the societal implications of astrobiology', working with various partner organizations, including the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton.'

Davison is set to publish a book next year, titled *Astrobiology and Christian Doctrine*, which notes we are getting closer to finding life on other planets.

Not all theologians are on board with the idea of life on other planets. Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said in a 2008 interview when asked if there are such thing as aliens: "The answer is no; that's speculative. We have no reason to believe there is any other story out there. There is nothing in Scripture that says there can't be some form of life somewhere. But what we are told is that the cosmos was created in order that on this planet Jesus Christ, in space and time and history, would come to save sinful humanity.'

CAUGHT IN ALL GLORY

A woman splashes hot water into the cold air, making it visible in its all three forms – liquid, gas & solid – as the small droplets cool into a dramatic cloud before hitting the ground as snow. Clicked in Berlin on a sunny but frosty Boxing Day | AFP

Experts vary on oil's future as clamour for change grows

CLIMATE

PARIS: Climate crisis has put the end of oil on the agenda, but achieving it is a colossal task given the world economy's deep dependence on petroleum. "In 2021, several developments showed clearly that (the petroleum) industry doesn't have a future," said Romain Ioualalen at the activist group Oil Change International.

"It is no longer taboo to talk about the end of the extraction of hydrocarbons during international climate summits," said Oil Change International's Ioualalen. And fossil fuels -- which still represent 80% of energy consumed -- were explicitly blamed for driving climate change, which was not the case when the Paris climate pact was reached in 2015.

More recently, environmental defenders scored a symbolic victory when oil giant Shell decided to exit the development of the controversial Cambo oil field off Scotland saying the investment case was "not strong enough". "We've known for years the end of crude oil is near," said Moez Ajmi, a specialist at professional services firm EY. "But is the world ready to live without oil?"

The IEA also believes that oil demand is still set to rise. It expects it to reach its pre-pandemic level of just under 100 million barrels per day next year. With crude prices having rebounded in the past months, oil producers are rolling in cash and can afford to pursue new projects.

"Any talk of the oil and gas industries being consigned to the past and halting new investments is misguided," OPEC leader Mohammed Barkindo said recently.

Covid stalks deer in Ohio

COVID

Deer in Ohio have been infected with Covid-19, likely due to transmission from humans, a new study reveals. Scientists at Ohio State University tested 360 free-ranging white-tailed deer for Covid-19 in nine northeast Ohio locations. A total 129 (35%) of the deer tested positive but appeared symptomless. From six of the locations, the researchers were able to identify three variants of SARS-CoV-2. Scientists believe the virus was passed from infected humans.

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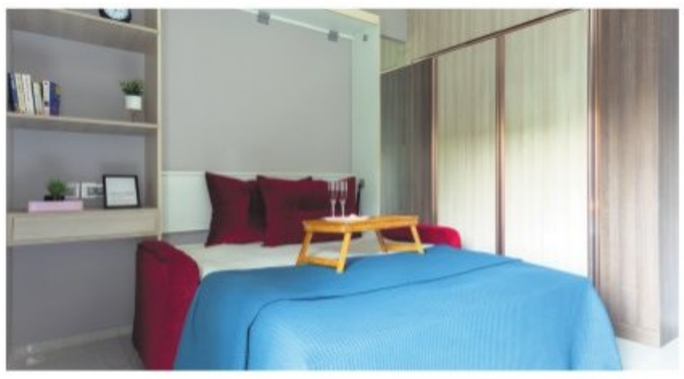
Minimal designs, foldable furniture, technology to control locks and lights... the home decor trend in 2021 was simplistic and practical

MAKING ROOM

Interior designers find 2021 to be a year of contemporary, trendy and eco-friendly home decor styles.



ANILA KURIAN

THE years 2020 and 2021 have seen many turning homebodies out of little option. Thanks to the raging pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, people have been forced to stay indoors. It's no surprise then that the trend of doing up homes to suit working from home continued into 2021.

According to interior designers, this was the year when people cleared clutter. Tasneem, studio manager at Design Café Bangalore, says, "The use of multi-functional furniture was a huge factor this year. Clients wanted something that is practical and something that takes up minimal space in the house. It was more about utility than looks this year." She goes on to add, "For instance, most homes required two study/work tables. But many clients just wanted a table that could be attached to the wall or something that is foldable. This also led to customers opting for 'zoning', where there's a visual divide of the different spaces in home – be it the study space, drawing or bedroom and kitchen. Different corners to unplug was also an important factor."

With Bengalureans spending extended periods at home, many were particular about open spaces and well-lit spaces. Anagha Bhaskar, principal architect of Pradyotha Associates, says, "Whether it was people building brand new homes or renovating their current ones, they wanted fewer walls, more windows – long ones to be precise – and plenty of natural light coming in throughout the day. This also led to dedicated spaces for indoor gardens as people had the time to care for them while working from home."

The buzz word has been sustainability which spilt into the home decor space too. Various other redecorations with the use of bottles, eco-friendly products and old materials were added to homes, giving them a story of their own. "On the other hand, digitally-focused homes were also a trend we saw in 2021. They used technology to control the settings of the home – from locks to lights within the house," explains Bhaskar.

Nain Belliappa, founder and creative director of House-of9design, adds that marble and stone finishes were preferred over laminate products. "As for the design style, people wanted something contemporary. For example, plantation-style homes like fire places or pillar designs were opted for even in apartment spaces. This is something we only saw in independent homes previously," she explains.

Long study and work desks for both children and parents were an additional factor. With many welcoming pets during the pandemic, pet parents wanted their home to not have any sharp edges or wallpaper. There was also use of rugs or carpets for pets. "The colour schemes that were popular through the year were monotones and muted colours. Homeowners wanted minimalistic design in classic and contemporary styles. Home with a spirit is the vibe of 2021," says Belliappa.

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HOT SPOTS

While 2021 was a déjà vu in terms of lockdowns and travel restrictions, Bengalureans managed to squeeze in quick getaways when things opened up. Here are popular picks of the year

Alia Bhatt in Maldives

Goa

MONIKA MONALISA

IF the first wave of Covid-19 turned the world upside down, the fierce second wave brought with it a greater amount of fear, loss and despair. While 2021 was a deja vu in terms of lockdowns and travel restrictions, Bengalureans managed to squeeze in quick getaways as and when things opened up. Here are the popular 2021 travel destinations.

Dubai

DUBAI: Known as a shopping paradise, Dubai turned out to be the best retail therapy for all those who missed out on it in 2020. According to the report by the country's Department of Economy and Tourism, around 4.88 million people visited the country between January and October '21. Expo 2020, a global event which is known for interactive exhibitions in technology, art and culture only added to the excitement and number of tourists who frequented the otherwise transit destination.

MALDIVES: This Island continued playing host to a huge number of travellers in 2021. Whether it was Alia Bhatt taking off with her girl friends or Danish Sait heading there for his honeymoon, Maldives topped everyone's travel list. Tucked in the middle of the Indian Ocean, it gave people a quick escape from the fear and anxiety of the virus.

Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal tied the knot in Rajasthan| JOSEPH RADHIK

SRILANKA: This year, the island country saw more than 1,50,000 tourist arrivals, out of which 47,000 were from the first 20 days of December. Being a rich cultural centre and a heaven for seafood lovers, this neighbouring country saw travellers queuing up.

GOA: Sun, sand and sea...no surprise that this party destination continued to be the go-to spot in 2021. From a bachelor's pad to family outings, Goa had and has something for everyone. Taking advantage of the remote working culture, which many offices are still supporting, many people even decided to work hard and party harder out of Goa.

RAJASTHAN: Vicky-Katrina, Rajkumar Rao and Patralekha Paul tied the knot in Rajasthan. And why not...the royal grandeur of the place could make any bride feel like a princess. Not just during the wedding season, Rajasthan was a crowd-favourite even otherwise. Despite concerns about rising Omicron cases in November and December, this state saw a surge in the number of tourists.

Restaurant and pub owners are a disappointed lot with the announcement of night curfew in the run-up to the New Year

Silent Night

EXPRESS FEATURES

PUB hopping, late night New Year parties... all of this sounds like a thing of the past. To control the rise in Covid cases, the state government has put in place a night curfew from December 28 for 10 days between 10pm and 5am. The curfew comes as a huge disappointment for restaurateurs and pub owners, who are still recovering from the losses incurred during the lockdown.

With 50 per cent occupancy allowed, restaurants and pubs are now seeing last-minute cancellations. Siddharth Bala, owner of Sherlock Pub on MG Road, feels that imposing a night curfew ahead of New Year's has inconvenienced many. "We had planned an unlimited buffet and drinks and have sold around 60 per cent of the vouchers. Now, with limited time in hand, we have started getting cancellations for which we have to refund," says Bala, adding "One of the rules says that by Dec 30, all our staff has to go through RT-PCR tests. We have around 50 staff members and the tests don't come cheap. It's always the nightlife that is targeted even while public places like malls are packed during operational hours."

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Speaking on similar lines, Chethan Hegde, partner, 1522 and SuzyQ, says the curfew is hugely disappointing to the industry as they are still recovering from losses incurred during the year. "In the older guidelines, we were informed of 50 per cent occupancy. There was no time restriction and we had planned for the same and had taken table reservations accordingly. With time restrictions, we foresee cancellations while people might leave the city or celebrate at home," says Hegde, adding that this will heavily impact the business.

Chethan Hegde

However, many do understand the importance of the situation and support the curfew. "We are in full support of all the directives made by the government in containing the Covid spread. We will comply with all these measures," says Terence Prasad, general manager, Uru Brewpark.

Adding to it, Keshav VS, general manager at The Pumphouse, says the curfew is to avoid future lockdowns and exponential growth of Covid cases. "As restaurant owners, we should understand the situation. As an individual, I have the biggest fear of lockdowns since we are not able to afford this any more... so night curfews are better in a way," says Keshav.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

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CITY READ

Education institution organises blood donation camp

M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology, organised the 24th voluntary blood donation camp on the anniversary of the founder chairman of the institution Dr M S Ramaiah. Organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) of the institution, around 925 students and staff participated in the blood donation camp.

Crafts mela organised

A 10-day arts and crafts exhibition is being organised at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumar Krupa Road. The exhibition will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicraft products sourced from the artisans from across India. The exhibition will take place till January 2.

Century Club election results out

Century Club recently concluded its annual elections for the posts of office bearers and executive committee for the year 2021-2023. B R Priyadarshi was elected as president and Tallam Dwarakanath was elected as vice-president of the club. B R Anand, Chithkala Mallikarjun and Suma Shetty were elected as executive committee members.

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LOVE FOR POETRY

The Mental Talkies brings an online event, DIGI Open Mic for Poetry and Storytelling. Fine-tune your creative side as you tune in for special performances. **Details:** insider.in

YOGA SESSION

Yoga instructor Shikha Bajaj is organising a virtual Yoga session for senior citizens. It includes chair yoga sequences, developing flexibility, balance, combing seated and standing poses and techniques that will help destress. **When:** January 1 onwards **Register:** insider.in

BLING IT ON

Bring some bling to your jewellery sets with the new collection by Zari Banaras. Try the earrings, kundan or bracelet to amp up your style for the New Year. Price: From ₹4,350. **Available at:** zaribanaras.com

TWIST IN FLAVOURS

Enjoy Burratta and Pea Cream with Podi Toast, Garam Masala Roast Chicken, Goda Pulled Pork and more at Geist Brewing Factory for a twist in festive flavours. **Price:** ₹325 onwards **Reservations:** 88677 07102

CATCH YOUR **FAVOURITE COMEDIAN** PERFORM LIVE AT PYAR KA PUNCHNAMA **WHEN:** DEC 27 ONWARDS **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Musical Tribute

Catch a musical evening filled with songs of late Puneeth Rajkumar. The concert will feature artistes who will be singing songs of the actor, as a mark of tribute. **Entry fee:** ₹499 **When:** Dec 27 onwards **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

Exhibition-cum-sale

Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation is organising an exhibition, The Gandhi Shild Bazaar Exhibition, featuring art and crafts, paintings textiles, jewellery and much more. **When:** Till Dec 27 **Where:** White Houzz Conventional Hall, HSR Layout

Skilling Up

Sign your kids up for personality development classes. The programme aims to help kids in understanding the importance of childhood, learning human values, speaking in public platforms and other skill-based learning. The course is open for 6-18 years **When:** Dec 27 onwards **Register:** bookmyshow.com

Get Creative

Digital marketing expert Harshul Chugh is organising a workshop for makeup artists to boost their social media profiles. The two-hour discussion will include preps on practical implementation of paid ads, getting collaborations, media coverage and the techniques to master the reels. **Entry fee:** ₹499 **When:** January 2 **Register:** insider.in

Filmmaking Workshop

Here is you chance to convert your imagination onto the screens. Actor MG Srinivas is organising the workshop that will help you learn the process of filmmaking from pre to post work flow, casting, location hunting, digital film making techniques, lighting and much more. The course is priced at ₹4,999. **When:** Jan 4, **To register, visit** bookmyshow.com

Colour cocktail

Introduce a myriad colours to your jewellery with Tanishq's Colour Me Joy collection that offers whimsical forms and statement detailing. **Available at:** tanishq.co.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SOOJI PANCAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Semolina** (rava/sooji): 1/2 cup
- **Curd:** 3 tbsp
- **Finely chopped onions:** 21/2 tbsp
- **Finely chopped coriander:** 3 tbsp
- **Grated carrot:** 2 1/2 tbsp
- **Green chilli:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt** and to taste
- **Butter** for greasing and cooking

METHOD

- Combine all the ingredients in a deep bowl with approximately 3 cups of water. Mix well. Heat a pan and grease it lightly using butter.
- Pour a spoonful of the batter on the pan and cook on low flame.
- Add more butter & wait until the pancake turns golden brown on both sides.
- Serve the mini sooji pancakes hot.

-Niyoukta Tiwari, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

BADDHA HASTA UTTANASANA
(DANGLING POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Baddha' means bound or bounding, 'hasta' means hand, 'uttana' means intense stretch or stretched or extension or raised or straight and asana means pose. This Dangling Pose is a variation of Uttanasana (Standing Forward Fold Pose) with the difference in the position of the hands. In this asana, the arms are interlocked at the elbows making them dangle and hence the name Dangling Pose. This pose forms part of the Yin Yoga Sequence that helps energise the whole body.

STEPS

- Start from Uttanasana. While inhaling, bring the arms interlocked at the elbows and take the face and chest close towards the thighs flexing at the hips, to the maximum.
- Exhale, bring the torso deeper down trying to touch the floor with the elbows. Allow the head, shoulders, arms and neck to hang loose and remain here in this pose for about eight breaths.
- If you hold this posture as a challenge, then bend the legs at the knees and look up to avoid any pressure to the head and neck.
- To release, inhale and look up, then release the arms and slowly come up to stand in Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- Relax here. Feel the stretch at the hamstrings, quadriceps, shoulders, arms, and lower back.
- Exhale, going deeper down and if the knees are bent, hold the posture.

BENEFITS

- It is an important element of the Muladhara (Root) Chakra, which is activated in this posture.
- Great pose to improve the flexibility of the stretched muscles while in a forward fold.
- The whole practice can get more lively and fun, giving room for creativity.
- Brings deeper stretches to the lower as well as the upper body.
- Stimulates the reproductive organ with the compressing and releasing of the pelvic floor muscles helps to keep women away from the symptoms related to menstruation, endometriosis or menopause.

LIMITATIONS

- If lack balance, avoid holding this posture for long. Try using yoga blocks to support the hanging head.
- If students feel the intensity of this pose at the neck and head, look up instead of hanging the head down.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

3 THINGS

Express audio brings the daily news show where hosts Shashank Bhargava and Snigdha Sharma talk to in-house experts about what is going on and why you need to care about it.
- On Apple Podcast

THE THOUGHT DESIGNER

Let us discover new horizons of various dimensions of life with healthy and clean thinking. With episodes like Khushiyan Bachpan Ki that talk about where and how to find happiness, with his poems, the host helps you revisit your childhood days where perhaps lies answer to the question.
- On Gaana

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This podcast with Johnny Dawson, is the show that will inspire you to uncover your formula for success so you create take charge of your story, overcome life's obstacles, and find fulfillment in all branches of life.
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THE MINDVALLEY PODCAST WITH VISHEN

Mindvalley is a personal growth education company with a mission to teach wisdom and transformational ideas that are at times left behind in our education system. This podcast brings the best minds under one roof.
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THEORETICALLY SPEAKING

Two qualified modern day philosophers find the stupidest and most outlandish theoreticals and dive into them deeper than anyone ever has before. Join the podcast that is an untrodden snow. A new frontier. This is Theoretically Speaking.
- On Gaana

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KADHALAN

Prabhu, a college student, falls in love with Shruthi, a governor's daughter. On knowing about their love affair, her father imprisons Prabhu and forbids him to meet Shruthi.
- Cast: Prabhu Deva, Nagma, Vadivelu

MIDDLE CLASS MADHAVAN

Madhavan, a lawyer and the breadwinner of his family, finds it difficult to enjoy his married life due to his family's issues.
- Cast: Abhirami, Vivek, Prabhu

ANBE SIVAM

Anbarasu, an ad-filmmaker, goes to Bhubaneshwar on a business trip and gets stranded at an airport due to heavy rains. His life takes a turn when he meets Nallasivam, a co-passenger and befriends him.
- Cast: Kiran Rathod, Kamal Haasan, R Madhavan

DUMM DUMM DUMM

Adhitya and Ganga, who do not wish to marry, slowly start falling in love with each other. However, their wedding is cancelled due to a family feud and they decide to reunite their families.
- Cast: R Madhavan, Jyothika, Vivek

ORU KIDAYIN KARUNAI MANU

Ramamoorthy and his family are on their way to do a goat sacrifice in their temple. A series of hilarious events ensue when the family see a road accident but try to evade a police interrogation.
- Cast: Vidharth, Raveena Ravi, Hello Kandasamy

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN AFRICA BY CHIBEZE EZEKIEL

Africa needs new energy sources to fuel its development, but the continent should invest in renewable energy instead of cheap, polluting alternatives like coal, says climate inclusion activist Chibeze Ezekiel. He tells the story of how he worked with local communities in Ghana to halt the construction of the country's first coal power plant.

2 HOW WE COULD EAT REAL MEAT WITHOUT HARMING ANIMALS BY ISHA DATAR

What if you could eat chicken nuggets without harming a chicken? It's possible through "cellular agriculture," says Isha Datar. In a talk about cutting-edge science, she explains how this new means of food production makes it possible to eat meat without the negative consequences of industrial farming.

3 MEET THE MICROSCOPIC LIFE IN YOUR HOME – AND ON YOUR FACE BY ANNE MADDEN

Behold the microscopic jungle in and around you: tiny organisms living on your cheeks, under your sofa and in the soil in your backyard. According to microbiologist Anne Madden, they're sources of new technologies and medicines waiting to be discovered.

4 THE 1-MINUTE SECRET TO FORMING A NEW HABIT BY CHRISTINE CARTER

You know how resolutions often go: you set a goal and start strong ... then the motivation runs out and feelings of frustration and shame creep in. Sociologist Christine Carter shares a simple step to shift your mindset and keep you on track to achieving your grandest ambitions.

5 WHY THE PASSPORT NEEDS AN UPGRADE BY KAROLI HINDRIKS

It's time to give paper passports a digital upgrade, says entrepreneur Karoli Hindriks. Looking to Estonia's technology-driven government for inspiration, she envisions a world where immigration is no longer hindered by bureaucracy and needless repetition.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

VADA CHENNAI (Tamil)

A proficient carrom player sets foot in the world of crime and joins forces with local gangsters to settle their feuds. However, he decides to take them down when they plan to wipe out his locality.

Cast: Dhanush, Andrea Jeremiah, Aishwarya Rajesh, Kishore
- Watch on: Disney Hotstar

OPERATION JAVA (Malayalam)

A team of police officers from the Kochi cyber cell embarks on a mission to investigate a series of mysterious crimes and unlawful activities.

Cast: Mamitha Baiju, Lukman, Anju MAry Thomas, Balu Varghese.
- Watch on: Zee5

THAPPAD (Hindi)

Amrita, a young woman, leads a content life with her husband, Vikram. However, their happiness is shattered when he slaps her at an office party causing her to file for a divorce.

Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Pavail Gulati, Maya Sarao, Dia Mirza
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

IRUL (Malayalam)

Alex and Archana go on a trip but soon their car breaks down and they take shelter at a nearby house. However, things take a turn when the owner of the house behaves in a suspicious manner.

Cast: Darshana Rajendran, Fahadh, Soubin Shahir, Jipa John.
- Watch on: Netflix

420 IPC (Hindi)

CA Keswani is arrested for bank fraud and forgery. Keswani hires Birbal, a lawyer, to fight his case, but Birbal realises that there's more to it than meets the eye. The title of the film would leave no one in any doubt about what its theme is. It is about cheating. And here it is about financial chicanery.

Cast: Rohan Vinod Mehra, Vinay Pathak, Ranvir Shorey
- Watch on: Zee5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BHOOMI (Tamil)

Bhoominathan, a NASA scientist, returns to his drought-affected village in Tamil Nadu and decides to fight against the evil corporates and corrupt politicians responsible for the plight of his people.

Cast: Nidhhi Agerwal, Jayam Ravi, Ronit Roy, Saranya Ponvannan
- Watch on: Disney Hotstar

EK CUP CHYA (Marathi)

Kashinath, a poor bus conductor, is handed an electricity bill of `75,000. However, when he decides to make use of the RTI Act, the electricity board tries to obstruct him.

Cast: Kishor Kadam, Sunil Sukthankar, Ashwini Giri, Om Bhutkar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE POWER OF THE DOG (English)

A domineering rancher responds with mocking cruelty when his brother brings home a new wife and her son, until the unexpected comes to pass.

Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons, Kodi Smit-McPhee
- Watch on: Netflix

ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI (English)

On the night of Feb 25, 1964, in Miami, Cassius Clay joins Jim Brown, Sam Cooke and Malcom X, and they discuss the responsibility of being successful Black men during the civil rights movement. Cast: Leslie Odom Jr. ● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PORTRAIT OF A LADY ON FIRE (French)

France, 1770. Marianne, a painter, is commissioned to do the wedding portrait of Héloïse, a young woman who has just left the convent. Héloïse is a reluctant bride to be and Marianne must paint her without her knowing. She observes her by day, to paint her secretly.

Cast: Adele Haenel, Noemuie Merlant, Luana Bajrami, Valerie Golino
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

BURNING (Korean)

Based on Haruki Murakami's short story 'Barn Burning', Lee Chang-dong's South Korean adaption is on the life of Jong-su who runs into his mysterious, enigmatic childhood friend Hae-mi and is instantly roped into her strange world when she asks him to take care of her cat while she is away on a trip to Africa.

Cast: Yoo Ah-in, Jeon Jong-seo, Steven Yeun, Oh Jung-mi
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+ Hotstar: ₹ 499 per year
SonyLIV: ₹ 299 per month
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Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

COCOA CUT

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

Going beyond the usual, chocolate makers are innovating this fiercely adored indulgence at its finest and taking it to an artisanal level of craftsmanship and appreciation

A perfect sweet treat for any occasion, chocolate is practically a love language in its own right. From milk to white and dark, if there is one confection topping the charts globally over other sweet treats, it's chocolate. Going beyond the usual, chocolate makers are innovating this fiercely adored indulgence at its finest and taking it to an artisanal level of craftsmanship and appreciation.

ITC's Fabelle is known to create immersive luxe experiences with chocolates and desserts in unique forms and flavours. Keeping with its annual tradition of innovating exotic offerings, this year The Heart of Gold Collection (₹2,100) by Fabelle is reimagined in the form of pralines with 24 karat edible gold. Curated by the team of master chocolatiers and Italian culinary legend, chef Marco Stabile, the collection is a tribute highlighting the characteristic virtues of our everyday life heroes. The five pralines representing valour, knowledge, compassion, purity and persistence are filled with 24k edible gold-coated crisps along with ruby mousse, almond-hazelnut with rich dark mousse, milk choco mousse with alphonso mango conserve and white mousse with a hint of lemon.

Smoor, the true couverture chocolate chain in India, offers fine handcrafted products made from authentic ingredients concocted by master chocolatiers from around the world. Ideal for gifting or self-indulgence, the Smoor collection includes a wide range of chocolates, cakes, cookies, seasonal delights and gift hampers. The limited release Smoor Gold Bar Box with Mallet (₹4,000) makes a glowing gift for loved ones. Packaged with a hammer to break open the edible gold-dusted chocolate bar, you will find inside chocolate truffles, dragées and pebbles in varying flavours and textures for your enjoyment.

At Raahi – Neo bar and Kitchen, chef Sombir Choudhary uses gold dust, also known as luster dust, to garnish the Chocolate Mousse (₹295) which is prepared using single-origin dark chocolate from Kerala.

Jus'Trufs, a boutique chocolate and dessert venture by master chocolatier Chenddyna Schae, offers artisanal sweet treats such as pralines, luxury and classic truffles, cooking bars, mousse cakes, fudge cakes, health bars and hot chocolate sticks. Of special mention are the single-origin chocolate bars made in-house from beans grown in South India and sweetened with organic jaggery. The philosophy behind the production of this chocolate is to support local farmers and provide chocolate lovers with a product free from any refined sugar, preservatives and additives. The chocolate bars have been getting rave reviews with dark chocolate and milk chocolate fans, while the dark chocolate made with palm sugar is suitable for diabetics.

Liquorice By Caroline specialises in hand-crafted chocolates which are retailed mainly via social media channels. Of special mention is the unique chocolate cigar collection made from an age-old Italian recipe that can be customised with or without liquor. The limited-edition bonbons are favourites too. An etiquette consultant by profession, self-taught chocolatier Caroline started her venture during the pandemic utilising her time during the lockdown. Belgian chocolate Callebaut, Cacao Barry and single-origin chocolates sourced from Costa Rica form the key ingredients in Caroline's magical chocolate creations.

Criollô aims to provide a unique chocolate sensory experience with a hand-painted chocolate collection that reflects the flavours within. In tune with Criollô's brand philosophy of supporting local businesses, founder Damini Padam has collaborated with local artists whose work reflects on the packaging of the chocolate bars. The artists showcase their creativity and due credit is given to them and their art style. Criollô's Christmas specials include an edible chocolate tree made out of chocolate and nuts and delicious bonbons which are truly a work of art.

Executive chef Altamsh Patel at Oakwood Prestige Premier Bangalore hosted a gold-inspired three-course dinner at the rooftop poolside on Christmas eve. The dessert turned out to be the highlight of the evening with a chocolate olive oil slice with orange Mahalabia, sprinkled with a shimmer of gold dust.

PICS: THE COVETED

PAIRED WITH PANACHE
Anuja Pandey

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

THE year 2021 has been a momentous year in fashion. It was a happy pastiche of everything and hence epochal. While 2020 whirled away in slouchy ease of the athleisure wear and loose pants, this year saw celebrities like Kareena Kapoor and Deepika Padukone's collaboration with big sportswear brands, hence predicting that this would be the ongoing style statement in 2022.

Comfort wear

This reached the next level with the coming back of the wide-legged high-waisted pants/soft denim from late '70s. Ain't it great news for all you comfort loving people? The shoulder pads on the blazers/jackets are from the '80s as was seen on style diva Priyanka Chopra.

Sustainable fashion

Fashion lovers this year realised how important it is to reuse, reduce and recycle. This year has been big on sustainable fashion, whether it's the bridal or festive fashion, ramp of fashion weeks or streets, the sustainability in fashion championed everywhere with no compromise on style. New-age brides chose to refurbish the grand old lehengas and sarees with their intricate and detailed weaves and hand-work appreciating the impeccable craftsmanship of Indian artisans.

Fashion ramps globally showed their concern for the environment by showcasing sustainable designs, thereby participating in responsible luxury. Prachi Mungali, co-founder of 'Terra Mod', an eco-friendly, trendsetting wardrobe makeover initiative says, "The fashion industry is the second largest polluter, which means that our love for fashion is costing the environment dearly. This has led us to become more conscious about how we reinvent our wardrobe. As fashion enthusiasts, we try not to buy, and make optimal use of our existing wardrobe. The more we buy, it just adds to excess accumulation. The fact is that we only end up using 20 per cent of our wardrobe, whereas the other 80 per cent is sitting unused.Terra Mod is here to revive that underutilised part of your wardrobe, by giving your clothes a completely new avatar that consciously complements your body type, personal style and lifestyle. Upcycling is the newest wave in sustainable fashion. It's about giving your clothes a longer life and giving yourself a redesigned outfit you would love to flaunt."

I mean business (suits)

Pinstripe suits or any kind of formal business suits have been big on the red carpet this year. The padded shoulders, stylish cuts and long V-necks of jackets were everywhere. "2022 will see a lot of bralettes teamed with a short jacket or even an oversized one for that peek-a-boo effect!," says Kiran Kalra, co-founder of The Coveted.

Bling

The love for bling has been seen on our face makeup, jewellery as well as outfits, specially with the winters dawning in and being the season of festivities and parties. Kalra says, "While bling and sequins tops and dresses were usually saved for the party season, 2022 is going to enforce that look through the year, perfect for all seasons. Yup, life's a party and you can totally play that part, be it in bling trousers, blingy crop tops, skirts or even a dress. 2022 is going to be all about living life king-size. Be the queen of your own dreams in a super blingy high fashion outfit! Don't shy away. Own it & flaunt it!"

The startup saga

Crypto startups operating in full swing to big brands opening up their IPOs... Bengaluru-based entrepreneurs give a recap of the startup scene in the year that was

SANATH PRASAD

42 unicorns in India, a 16-year-old shipping a crypto product, record amount of funding every quarter – 2021 has yielded some positive trends in the startup scene. Experts believe that if the year 2020 witnessed acceleration among venture capitalists (VC) funding startups, 2021 has seen a bigger boom. Now, startup founders, in fact, don't just look for capital, but are expecting VC firms and angel investors to bring more value to the table in terms of accessing top talents and reaching clients in the US and Europe. Interestingly, the term 'startup' also created a buzz among school and college students this year, where VCs rolled out fellowship programmes to encourage more students to turn entrepreneurs. With Freshworks, Zomato, Paytm, Nykaa also opening their IPOs this year, a lot of Indian startups transitioned from being a subculture to mainstream phenomena with the growing amount of enthusiasm from retail investors for startup IPOs.

Bridging the gap

If students thought their startup ideas were not getting the right traction and funding, this year has been a treat for them. For example, Antler, a VC firm has introduced a fellowship programme – Antler India Fellowship – to identify top 10 student entrepreneurs in India and offer them an equity-free grant of $20,000 and mentorship to translate their startup ideas into reality. Bengaluru-based Karan Prasad, who is working as an investment associate at Antler, says, "We have received over 2,500 applications across India with the youngest applicant being 11 years old. The startup ideas of students are just out of the box, with many focusing on edtech, blockchain human wellness, mental health and healthcare. It goes to show that introducing the concept of startups to students can give rise to early entrepreneurs in India."

Change in playbook

Roshan Cariappa, host of podcasts like The Startup Operator and Bharatvaarta, noticed that startup models like SaaS, D2C (direct to consumer), got their moment of reckoning this year. From scaling a local D2C brand to building consumer applications and taking it to global markets, the native Indian startup playbook is coming of age, feels Cariappa, adding, "Indian engineering talent is in demand like never before with companies actively outbidding each other and even competing with global companies. This is causing massive wealth creation."

Highlights of 2021

- Zomato, Paytm, Nykaa, Freshworks, LIC publicly listed
- OLA launches electric vehicle fleet
- Buying and trading crypto witnesses all-time high
- 42 startups accorded unicorn status in 2021

IPO, Cryptos and Audio apps

With top brands like Nykaa, Paytm, Zomato going ahead and listing their companies in the market, Varun Mayya, a content creator, believes that the real cash is now entering the pockets of investors. Besides, he also feels that 2020 saw an inclination towards audio chat in apps (Clubhouse), but the trend fizzled out in 2021. "The buzz word of 2021 was 'cryptos'. Many such startups are now working on the pseudonymity model, where crypto entrepreneurs are going anonymous to avoid the risk of being exposed to online attacks. However, transitioning to 2022, startups will focus more on delivering 'convenience'," says Mayya.

Young 'uns

Devaiah Bopanna, a writer and media entrepreneur, felt Kunal Bagaria, a 16-year-old from Assam was his favourite entrepreneur of the year who shipped a Web 3 product called Wagmi.bio that solved and made payments easier on the Solana blockchain. He also adds, "Ed-tech and fin-tech startups ruled the startup space in 2020 after the pandemic set in. However, the electric vehicle revolution was one of the biggest ideas that gained traction this year. The conversation around cryptos also zoomed this year and the biggest testimony is Bagaria, who made invoicing easier on the Solana blockchain and shipped one of the globally-appreciated crypto products to the world this year."

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Varun Mayya, entrepreneur

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Roshan Cariappa, entrepreneur

CITY READ

Graduation ceremony

The graduation ceremony for the 14th batch of B.Sc. (nursing) and first batch of general nursing and midwifery of Aditya College and School of Nursing, Yelahanka, was held in their campus recently. Chief Guest, Dr N Ramakrishna Reddy, registrar (evaluation), Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences awarded the graduation certificates to 60 B. Sc (nursing) and 40 general nursing students. The guest of honor, Dr H S Shashidhar Kumar, chairman, Manasa Group of Hospitals and Medical Director, Shushrusha Hospital while stressed on the profession acting as a bridge between the doctors and patients for implementation of orders and proper health care.

One for the ride

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

I have played over 200 hours of the latest *Assassins Creed* games. Almost 80 per cent of the game involved travelling. I have travelled by boats, horses, camels, and frustratingly so, by foot. *Rider's Republic* is Ubisoft's way of saying: "Thanks for persevering through the open-world grind in an adventure game. Now here's more of that stuff, but this time it's enjoyable". *Rider's Republic* is also like *Forza*, in a sense. That is, if *Forza* has no motor-powered vehicles, and contained all terrains except a well- laid road.

Rider's Republic describes itself as a "massive multiplayer outdoor sports playground". The bottom line of the game is plain ol' racing. But only, the activities involved in racing are variations of these three: skiing, mountain biking, and wingsuit flying. I'm playing *Rider's Republic* to vicariously high- skill and stamina adventure sports by merely lifting a finger.

The game's map appears virtually limitless. It contains different scenes and terrains of the different US national parks. As much as I have explored so far, with the exception of snowy hillsides, there was no level-ground in the map. It's like a *Forza* racer's ultimate off-roading nightmare. But in *Rider's Republic*, even cycling seems stable — be it the gnarliest of turns, or a 20 metre jump. Considering that the game's default mode is online, it allows for dozens of players to be concurrently present in the same server. In fact, to make the game feel a little less lonely, the map is populated with ghost bots — recordings of other players. There was hardly a track without traffic.

To progress, we have the option to compete versus other players. As we win more events, the game moves forward, throwing us some breadcrumbs along the way. These breadcrumbs are new races and events, in-game currency, and fresh gear. Quantitatively, progress is measured through stars earnt. The progress tracker and seasonal events provide a direction for an otherwise free-for-all game.

Like mountain-biking itself, *Rider's Republic's* performance is a sometimes-uphill climb. As an online game that released late October, the game is determined to constantly provide fresh experiences for its players, to incentivise us to explore the game.

The game is available on the Xboxes, PSes, and the PC. Beginner-friendly games that allow for both cross-platform play, and cross-progression in gameplay are hard to find, and this is one of those rare few games. A 4/5 for *Rider's Republic*, only because there are no water sports. Yet.

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Sukanya Girish

Sukanya Girish to play the female lead in Ramtheja's *Bhairava*

Sanath of *Kamarottu Checkpost* fame to play the lead in this commercial entertainer

CE FEATURES

SUKANYA Girish, who is playing a pivotal role in director Shashank's *Love 360*, has signed her next project. Titled *Bhairava*, this commercial entertainer with elements of mythology is directed by Ramtheja and stars the *Shivaji Surathkal* actor as the female lead.

The director, who previously worked in web series like *Psycho*, and *Salt and Pepper*, will make his feature film debut with *Bhairava*. Jointly produced by Honey Choudhary and Vaibhav Bajaj, the makers are contemplating a direct OTT release, and are in talks with a couple of popular digital platforms for the same.

Written by Charan Suvarna, *Bhairavaa* has screenplay and dialogues by Ramtheja. The makers have roped in Sanath of *Kamarottu Checkpost* fame as the film's hero, and Umesh Sakrenadu will be seen as an antagonist. Music director Amith and DOP Sudeep Frederick are onboard the project.

Sanath

According to Ramtheja, the content, which talks about good and evil, will be a commercial drama, with a period setting. "We will come up with the film's poster on January 28, and will begin shooting from Sankranti," says the director, who has placed the film in the backdrop of Kashi. "We have finalised shooting locations in Bengaluru, Rishikesh, Kashi, Meerut, and Ghaziabad," he says.

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Rajavardan, Naina Ganguly to spend New Year on the sets of *Pranayam*

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RAJAVARDAN will spend his New Year on the sets of his upcoming film, *Pranayam*, directed by Dattatreya. The actor will join Naina Ganguly in this schedule. The latter, who has worked in Bengali, Telugu, and Hindi, will be making her Kannada debut with *Pranayam*. The team shared pics from a song sequence featuring the leads. The romantic track scored by music director Mano Murthy has Madan-Harini choreographing the sequence.

A still from the film

Talking about this song, Rajavardan says, "My previous film, *Bichhugathi* was a historical subject, and I had a lot of limitations in the songs. So this track in *Pranayam* came as a change for me. This romantic number had me work on my expressions and has been shot aesthetically." The film, which is almost in the last leg of shooting, has the entire team heading to Mudigere for a 15-day schedule. Bankrolled by Paramesh of P2 Productions, in association with Mansi Ventures. Nagesh Acharya is onboard *Pranayam* as the cinematographer.

Rajavardan

ANIL KAPOOR, PARESH RAWAL AND NANA PATEKAR TO RETURN FOR *WELCOME 3*

CE FEATURES

ANIL Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, and Nana Patekar will reportedly reunite for *Welcome 3*. The film, produced by Firoz Nadiadwala, is presently in the scripting stages, an online portal reported. It will go on floors in the second half of 2022.

Welcome (2007) was an ensemble comedy entertainer directed by Anees Bazmee. The film draped Bollywood silliness over its glossy Dubai backdrop to a largely entertaining effect. A sequel, *Welcome Back*, retaining the trio of Anil, Paresh, and Nana, was released in 2015. The third installment in the Welcome franchise will be mounted on a big scale and feature a larger cast, the report stated. It will be in the action-comedy genre. No official announcement, however, has been made about the film.

CASTING MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THIS FAMILIAR FILM

RIDER

Cast: Nikhil Kumaraswamy, Kashmira, Achyuth Kumar, Rajesh Nataranga, Chikkanna, Shivaraj K R Pete and Sampada Hulivana

Director: Vijay Kumar Konda

A SHARADHAA

RIDER is the latest film to join the list of romantic-themed movies that deal with the theme of reconnecting with one's childhood crush. Directed by Vijay Kumar Konda, the film explores youthful emotions and successfully blends the narrative with commercial elements which is a prerequisite for success at the box office.

The film revolves around Surya (Nikhil), an orphan, and Chinnu (Kashmira), who grow up as friends in an ashram. However, they are separated when Chinnu gets back to her parents and Surya is adopted into a well-settled family. He aspires to become a national basketball player, and Chinnu comes back to India from Australia. Both begin the quest to find their first love. With interesting hide-and-seek style sequences, and moments of heartbreaks bring in a lot of excitement about this quest, which ends up in a cliched climax.

While Vijay Kumar Konda has roped in the right cast for *Rider*, all eyes are on Nikhil Kumar, who has definitely improved on the acting front. Nikhil gets to do all that is required from a star, and also gets to showcase his sporting skills. Equal importance is given to Kashmira, whose performance too is effective. Where there is Chikkanna, there is room for some laughter, and he along with Shivaraj KR Pete brings relief to the film. But, it is the presence of the antagonists that don't augur well for this love story.

RATING 3/5

Rider has rich production quality, and the lavish locations add to the feel of the film. Both the music by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Shreesha Kuduvalli elevate the film. With the core story being something that is tried and tested, *Rider* definitely has the makings of a one-time watch, and it would have been just that if not for fans of Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who would see the film as an effective showreel of their favourite star.

Bridgerton season 2 to premiere in March

CE FEATURES

THE second season of Netflix's Bridgerton is set to premiere on March 25, 2021. Based on Julia Quinn's bestselling novels, the show is produced by Shonda Rhimes' Shondaland banner. On the first-year anniversary of the premiere of the first season, the makers took to social media to announce the new date. "One year ago today, our buzzy Ton was born. Happy Anniversary, dear readers. This author does hope you enjoy your gift... Bridgerton returns March 25, 2022, only on Netflix," the post read on the official Instagram page of the show.

Created by Chris Van Dusen, the first season of Bridgerton revolved around the romance and marriage between the eldest Bridgerton daughter, Daphne (Phoebe Dynevor) and Simon Basset, Duke of Hastings (Rege Jean-Page). Season two follows Lord Anthony Bridgerton (Jonathan Bailey), the eldest Bridgerton sibling and Viscount, as he sets out to find a suitable wife.

Vijay Sethupathi and Katrina Kaif in Sriram Raghavan's *Merry Christmas*

CE FEATURES

VIJAY Sethupathi and Katrina Kaif are headlining Sriram Raghavan's next. Titled *Merry Christmas*, the film went on floors this week. The first schedule is being extensively shot in Mumbai.

Merry Christmas is produced by Tips Industries in association with Matchbox Pictures Pvt. Ltd. The festive thriller is set to release on December 23, 2022.

Sriram Raghavan's last directorial was Andhadhun in 2018. Known for his brand of unique thrillers, this is his first collaboration with Katrina and Vijay. *Merry Christmas* is Vijay Sethupathi's second Hindi project. He has wrapped up *Mumbaikar*, directed by Santosh Sivan. The film will mark his Bollywood debut.

Katrina recently got married to actor Vicky Kaushal. The couple wrapped up their Rajasthan wedding and returned to Mumbai earlier this month.

"New beginnings," Katrina wrote on social media. "BACK ON SET with director Sriram Raghavan for *Merry Christmas*! I've always wanted to work with Sriram Sir. He is a master when it comes to narratives that showcase thrillers and it's an honor to be directed by him... Super excited to be teaming up with @actorvijaysethupathi for this one produced by @rameshtaurani and @sanjayroutraymatbox."

NAVEEN POLISHETTY ROPED IN FOR ANUSHKA SHETTY'S NEXT

CE FEATURES

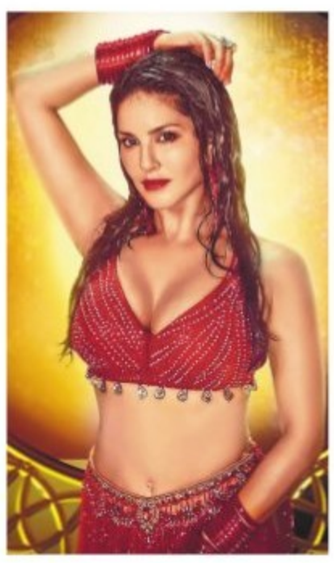
NAVEEN Polishetty, who made a mark with his films *Chhichhore* and *Jathi Rathnalu*, is now part of Anushka's upcoming film, tentatively titled *Production No 14*.

The production house of the film, UV Creations, announced the recent development on social media on the occasion of Naveen's birthday.

The post read, "Happy Birthday Naveen Polishety. We are extremely happy to join hands with Naveen Polishetty on *Production No 14*."

Naveen Polishetty also shared the news on Twitter.

He wrote, "Super excited to announce my next film with UV Creations. And mighty excited to work with Anushka Shetty, who is one of my favourite actors. Directed by Mahesh P. Thank you so much for all the birthday love coming in." The film, which will feature Anushka Shetty in the lead, is being directed by Mahesh Babu P.



Priests upset over Sunny Leone's *Madhuban Mein* video, demand ban

CE FEATURES

PRIESTS in the holy city of Mathura, Uttar Pradesh have objected to Sunny Leone's latest dance video.

On Wednesday, Saregama Music uploaded *Madhuban*, a party number by Kanika Kapoor and Arindam Chakraborty and featuring Sunny. The video is a retooling of the classic '*Madhuban Mein Radhika Naache*' song. It was originally sung by Mohammed Rafi in *Kohinoor* (1960). According to PTI, Mathura priests have objected to the video and demanded a ban. They have accused Sunny of hurting religious sentiments by performing an 'obscene' dance on the *Madhuban Mein* song. The song alludes to the love between Lord Krishna and Radha. "We will go to court if the government does not act against the actress and ban her video album," PTI quoted Sant Naval Giri Maharaj of Vrindaban as saying. He has further demanded a public apology from Sunny.